We Will Remember Them

(My Grandfather's Hat)

By Andrew Chinn
Dedicated to my father, David Chinn, and my grandfather, Paddy Quinn

My grandfather's hat, it stands on the wall
As a sign of a man who answered the call
Greater love hath no man than to lay down his life
To lay down his life, for the sake of us all

Now every year I take the hat down
To honour that man and give thanks for our land
A land of great beauty, a land safe and free
I pray and give thanks I sing proudly and stand

For a land...that they loved,
for a land they called their home
For a land...of their heart, a land that was their own
For a land...of peace, and a land of hope
We will remember them (We will remember them)
Lest we forget, (lest we forget)

And now every year as the leaves start to fall
We gather together and march one and all
We march to remember those who gave their life
Life that we may live, live life to the full

So we gather around this cross and falling leaves
And I hold that hat close to my heart
And give thanks for those who gave their lives for peace
A gift for our land a gift to live free