

## *The Lamps*

Silently all over Europe  
one by one the lamps are going out.  
Overshadowed in our lifetime,  
we shall not see them lit again.

One by one the lamps are going out,  
faces we have known and lived with;  
we shall not see them lit again.  
We have made a war to take them.

Faces we have known and lived with,  
breakfast laughter, evening kisses.  
We have made a war to take them  
forever from us, far away.

Breakfast laughter, evening kisses,  
what made them human, truth and goodness,  
forever from us, far away.  
Their love seeps deeper in the earth.

What makes us human? Truth and goodness  
overshadowed in our lifetime.  
Love seeps deeper in the earth,  
silently all over Europe.

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*"The lamps are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our life-time" is a remark attributed to Sir Edward Grey, British Foreign Secretary in 1914, purported to have been made on the eve of the outbreak of the First World War.*

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