

**Definition: glorious** [glawr-ee-uh s, glohr-]

1.delightful; wonderful; completely enjoyable:

*to have a glorious time at the circus.*

2.conferring glory :

*a glorious victory.*

3.full of glory; entitled to great renown:

*England is glorious in her poetry.*

4.brilliantly beautiful or magnificent; splendid:

*a glorious summer day.*

5.*Archaic.* blissfully drunk.

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<<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/glorious?s=t>>.

## Dulce et Decorum Est, Wilfred Owen

Bent double, like old beggars under sacks,  
Knock-kneed, coughing like hags, we cursed through sludge,  
Till on the haunting flares(2) we turned our backs  
And towards our distant rest(3) began to trudge.  
Men marched asleep. Many had lost their boots  
But limped on, blood-shod. All went lame; all blind;  
Drunk with fatigue; deaf even to the hoots(4)  
Of tired, outstripped(5) Five-Nines(6) that dropped behind.  
Gas!(7) Gas! Quick, boys! – An ecstasy of fumbling,  
Fitting the clumsy helmets(8) just in time;  
But someone still was yelling out and stumbling,  
And flound'ring like a man in fire or lime(9) . . .  
Dim, through the misty panes(10) and thick green light,  
As under a green sea, I saw him drowning.  
In all my dreams, before my helpless sight,  
He plunges at me, guttering,(11) choking, drowning.  
If in some smothering dreams you too could pace  
Behind the wagon that we flung him in,  
And watch the white eyes writhing in his face,  
His hanging face, like a devil's sick of sin;  
If you could hear, at every jolt, the blood  
Come gargling from the froth-corrupted lungs,  
Obscene as cancer, bitter as the cud(12)  
Of vile, incurable sores on innocent tongues,  
My friend, you would not tell with such high zest(13)  
To children ardent(14) for some desperate glory,  
The old Lie; Dulce et Decorum est  
Pro patria mori.(15)

Wilfred Owen

Thought to have been written between 8 October 1917 and March, 1918

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### **Medal of Honor Citation, PFC Ross A. McGinnis:**

*The President of the United States of America, authorized by act of Congress, March 3rd, 1863, has awarded in the name of Congress the Medal of Honor to Private First Class Ross A. McGinnis, United States Army, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Private First Class Ross A. McGinnis distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving as an M2 .50-caliber Machine Gunner, 1st Platoon, C Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, in connection with combat operations against an armed enemy in Adhamiyah, Northeast Baghdad, Iraq, on 4 December 2006.*

*That afternoon his platoon was conducting combat control operations in an effort to reduce and control sectarian violence in the area. While Private McGinnis was manning the M2 .50-caliber Machine Gun, a fragmentation grenade thrown by an insurgent fell through the gunner's hatch into the vehicle. Reacting quickly, he yelled "grenade," allowing all four members of his crew to prepare for the grenade's blast. Then, rather than leaping from the gunner's hatch to safety, Private McGinnis made the courageous decision to protect his crew. In a selfless act of bravery, in which he was mortally wounded, Private McGinnis covered the live grenade, pinning it between his body and the vehicle and absorbing most of the explosion.*

*Private McGinnis' gallant action directly saved four men from certain serious injury or death. Private First Class McGinnis' extraordinary heroism and selflessness at the cost of his own life, above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.*

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The White House. Office of the Press Secretary. President Bush Presents Medal of Honor to Private First Class Ross Andrew McGinnis. The White House: President George W. Bush. Federal Government, 2 June 2008. Web. 14 June 2016. <<http://georgewbush-whitehouse.archives.gov/news/releases/2008/06/20080602-1.html>>.