

Here is my go at a rhyming poem,  
about a man called Wilfred Owen.  
He fought bravely in the Great War,  
but sadly now, he lives no more.

He became known as a famous poet,  
at the time of his death, he did not know it.  
A famous poem, one of his best,  
Is Dulce et decorum est....,

Translated means, 'it's sweet and fitting',  
And although I think it is well written.  
It's about a man he see's being gassed,  
And watching him gargle, as he passed.

The things he saw, throughout the war,  
gave him shellshock, so he could fight no more.  
He was sent to Scotland to make him well,  
Soon back out to France, where he fell.

He must have been a brave war boss,  
Because he was given the Military Cross,  
The rest of his life, he hoped to spend,  
But died one week before the end.

A poem about Wilfred Owen, by James T Spencer

#### World War 1 in Numbers:

1. 60,934,467 servicemen were engaged in WW1
2. 20,723,570 sevicemen were wounded in WW1
3. 7,435,952 servicemen were captured or missing in WW1
4. 7,996,096 British servicemen lived after WW1 (engaged - died)
5. 9,226,300 German servicemen lived after WW1 (engaged - died)
6. 10,300,000 Russian servicemen lived after WW1 (engaged - died)
7. Germany suffered the most fatalities in WW1
8. France suffered the highest percentage of fatalities in WW1
9. The USA suffered the smallest percentage of fatalities in WW1

#### Fatalities:

16.12% of German servicemen died  
15.38% of Austro-Hungarian servicemen died  
11.58% of Italian servicemen died  
10.20% of British servicemen died  
16.15% of French servicemen died  
14.16% of Russian servicemen died  
11.40% of Turkish servicemen died  
2.89% of American servicemen died

