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Remembering Together Apart

We used to stand together
With medals, flags and bands
We huddled close
A world as one
With wreaths of red in hand

We stood there for the silence
We gave some time and space
We stopped
And we reflected
Respect from every face

We gave a simple knowing nod
To veterans with pride
And promised them
The memory
Would not be lost inside

Today the world is different
We cannot gather there
Split apart
Refracted
New threats have left us scared

Retreating to our neighbourhoods
Cut off from all we knew
A different battle
Forcing us
To change the world we view

But look, and see your neighbour
That solemn smile remains
With poppies
In the window
And dignity retained

It doesn't matter where you are
When you repay that debt
That simple phrase
Our mantra
Those words - "Lest we forget"



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