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Though I did not know the language The song was "Silent Night" A song that we all knew By a German soldier singing The silence broke in two By both sides of the fight For a Christmas truce had been declared Over Belleau Wood that night As we lay there in our trenches Oh, the snowflakes fell in silence

> And I began to sing along But I stood up in my trench Then the fear and doubt surrounded me "All is calm and all is bright" 'Cause I'd die if I was wrong Then I heard my buddy whisper,

A singer of the hymn Another's voice joined in Then across the frozen battlefield Until one by one each man became

> Here's hoping we both live To see us find a better way And he raised his hand and smiled at me As if he seemed to say Stood the German soldier For right there in my sight Then I thought that I was dreaming Neath the falling flakes of white.

And the skies lit up again Then the devil's clock struck midnight

> Was blown to hell again And the battlefield where heaven stood -

It's just beyond the fear Heaven's not beyond the clouds ? But for just one fleeting moment, It's for us to find it here The answer seemed so clear No, heaven's not beyond the clouds