

Ardent

“My friend, you would not tell with such high zest / To children ardent for some desperate glory, / The old Lie:
Dulce et decorum est / Pro patria mori.”

Characterized by strong enthusiasm.

Beggar

“Bent double, like old beggars under sacks, / Knock-kneed, coughing like hags, we cursed through sludge, / Till on the haunting flares we turned our backs,”

A person, typically a homeless one, who lives by asking for money or food.

Ecstasy

“Gas! GAS! Quick, boys!—An ecstasy of fumbling / Fitting the clumsy helmets just in time,”

A state of being carried away by overwhelming emotion.

Fatigue

“Drunk with fatigue; deaf even to the hoots / Of gas-shells dropping softly behind.”

Temporary loss of strength and energy from hard work.

Flounder

“But someone still was yelling out and stumbling / And flound'ring like a man in fire or lime.—“

To move in an awkward way with a lot of difficulty and effort.

Flung

“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,”

To throw something hard or without care.

Fumble

“Gas! GAS! Quick, boys!—An ecstasy of fumbling / Fitting the clumsy helmets just in time,”

Use the hands clumsily while doing or handling something.

Gargle

“If you could hear, at every jolt, the blood / Come gargling from the froth-corrupted lungs,”

To hold (a liquid) in the mouth or throat and agitate with air from the lungs.

Hag

"Bent double, like old beggars under sacks, / Knock-kneed, coughing like hags, we cursed through sludge, / Till on the haunting flares we turned our backs,"

An ugly or evil-looking old woman.

Lame

"All went lame; all blind;"

Unable to walk normally because of an injury or illness affecting the leg or foot.

Limp

"Men marched asleep. Many had lost their boots, / But limped on, blood-shod."

Walk with difficulty, typically because of an injured or stiff leg or foot.

Plunge

"In all my dreams before my helpless sight, / He plunges at me, guttering, choking, drowning."

To drop suddenly downward.

Smother

"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,"

Deprive of oxygen and prevent from breathing.

Stumble

"But someone still was yelling out and stumbling / And flound'ring like a man in fire or lime.—"

To walk unsteadily or awkwardly.

Writhe

"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,"

Respond with great emotional or physical discomfort to a violent or unpleasant feeling/thought.

Zest

"My friend, you would not tell with such high zest / To children ardent for some desperate glory, / The old Lie: Dulce et decorum est / Pro patria mori."

Great enthusiasm and energy.