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The Ode

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.**

– *Laurence Binyon (1869–1943)*

Use of the *Ode* in ceremonies

When the *Ode* is read out in a memorial ceremony such as an Anzac Day or Remembrance Day service, the people in the gathering repeat the last line:

The <i>Ode</i> is read by either the person conducting the ceremony or someone specially invited to read it:	<i>They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.</i>
The other people gathered at the ceremony then say:	<i>We will remember them.</i>

More information

The *Ode* is sometimes called the *Ode of Remembrance*. It is the fourth stanza (verse) of Laurence Binyon's poem, *For the fallen*. For more information about Laurence Binyon and this poem see the Anzac Websites poems page at the url below.



Laurence Binyon

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