

16. Unknown/Finale

(Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass)

(BASS puts on his costume piece from "When I Come Back.")

Soprano:
[INSERT CURRENT YEAR]

Bass:
Arlington National Cemetery.

Alto:
The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Bass:
DON'T FORGET ME.
I READ THIS ETCHED FAÇADE AND I'M TERRIFIED
PLEASE DON'T LET ME BE "KNOWN BUT TO GOD,"
UNIDENTIFIED

(TENOR puts on his costume piece from "Private Harrison.")

Tenor:
IF I SHOULD DIE, I'M NOT AN EMPTY BOX.
I'M A MAN. I'VE GOT A NAME.
I'VE GOT TO KNOW THAT I HAVE LEFT A MARK.
A MONUMENT AND A MEM'RY AREN'T THE SAME.

Tenor, Bass:
REMEMBER ME
WE DIDN'T FIGHT FOR NOTHING.
WE DID NOT DIE ALONE.
REMEMBER ME.
MY LIFE STANDS FOR SOMETHING.
I AM NOT UNKNOWN.

(ALTO puts on her costume piece from "What Am I Fighting For?")

Alto:
DON'T FORGET ME.
I STOOD AND I FOUGHT HARD.
IT WAS GLORIOUS

(SOPRANO puts on her costume piece from "Think Back")

Soprano:
IF YOU MET ME,
YOU'D SEE HOW WIVES ARE SCARRED
AND VICTORIOUS

ALL:
I GAVE MY ALL

Soprano, Alto:
IN THE HOME.

Tenor, Bass:
BEHIND THE LINES.

Bass:
THROUGH TORTURE AND PAIN, I HELD TRUE.

Soprano, Tenor:
STILL THE BOMBS BURST IN AIR.

Alto, Bass:
STILL I SERVE, YET I FEAR

All:
YOU WON'T RECALL WHAT WE LOST AND WHO

Alto, Tenor:
REMEMBER ME

Soprano, Bass:
REMEMBER ME

All:
WE DIDN'T FIGHT FOR NOTHING.
WE DID NOT DIE ALONE.

Soprano, Tenor:
REMEMBER ME

Alto:
WE DID NOT DIE ALONE.

Bass:
REMEMBER ME

All:
MY LIFE STANDS FOR SOMETHING.
I AM NOT UNKNOWN
I AM NOT UNKNOWN
I AM WHY WE SING:

*OH SAY CAN YOU SEE BY THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT,
WHAT SO PROUDLY WE HAIL'D AT THE TWILIGHT'S LAST GLEAMING,
WHOSE BROAD STRIPES AND BRIGHT STARS THROUGH THE PERILOUS FIGHT,
O'ER THE RAMPARTS WE WATCHED, WERE SO GALLANTLY STREAMING?
AND THE ROCKETS' RED GLARE, THE BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR,
GAVE PROOF THROUGH THE NIGHT THAT OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE;
OH SAY DOES THAT STAR-SPANGLED BANNER YET WAVE,
O'ER THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE?*