***The Bright Battalions* lyric with chords in C minor / Bb major**

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[Intro:] **Cm^{9} F^{11}/C**
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[V1: 'With Quiet Defiance']

Cm^{9} F^{11}/C
- So far a-way, those days of light,

Cm^{9} F^{11}/C
- When the boys were all marched off to fight.

Gm F Cm Dm
- Lines of vo-lun-teers in bright bat-tal - ions,

Eb Cm F/A
- March-ing in-to gath'ring night.

Cm^{9} F^{11}/C
- Heads held high and full of pride,

Cm^{9} F^{11}/C
- We were as-sured that God was on our side.

Gm F Cm Dm
- Death lay wait-ing for the bright bat-tal - ions.

Eb Cm F/AF
- Death was not to be de-nied.

[Chorus:]

Bb Eb $F^{(SUS4)}$ F
They shall not grow old
Bb Eb F
As we that are left grow old.
Bb F Eb F/A Bb Eb
They - shall not - grow old.

[Link:]

Bb/D F

Bb Eb

Bb/D F/A

[V2:]

Cm^{9} F^{11}/C

- Kha-ki drill and field grey,

Cm^{9} F^{11}/C

- See them spread be-fore the guns' array.

Gm F Cm Dm

- Lines of sac-ri-fice in doomed bat-tal - ions,

Eb Cm F/A

- Fritz and Tom-my had to pay.

Cm^{9} F^{11}/C

- There's a look I re-cog-nise

Cm^{9} F^{11}/C

- When I see it in a sol-dier's eyes.

Gm F Cm Dm

- You were there a-mong the doomed bat-tal - ions.

Eb Cm F/A F

- You saw death with no dis-guise.

[Chorus:]

Bb Eb F$^{(SUS4)}$ F

They shall not grow old

Bb Eb F

As we that are left grow old.

Bb F Eb F/A Bb Eb

They - shall not - grow old.

[Link:]

Bb/D F

Bb Eb

Bb/D F/A

[V3:]

Cm^{9} F^{11}/C

- Now it's done and I sur-vive,

Cm^{9} F^{11}/C

- Why should I be spared and left a-live?

Gm F Cm Dm

- I am not num-bered with the bright bat-tal - ions,

Eb Cm F/A

- My call-up failed to ar - rive.

Cm^{9} F^{11}/C

- The pa-per pop-pies tum-ble down.

Cm^{9} F^{11}/C

- A sing-le bug-le lets the Last Post sound.

Gm F Cm Dm

Age shall not wea-ry the bright bat-tal - ions.

Eb Cm F/A Gm F/A

- In mem'ry on-ly they are found.

[Chorus 1:]

Bb Eb F$^{(SUS4)}$ F

They shall not grow old

Bb Eb F

As we that are left grow old.

Bb F Eb F/A Bb Eb Bb/D F/A

They - shall not - grow old.

[Chorus 2:]

Bb Eb F(SUS4) F
They shall not grow old

Bb Eb F
As we that are left grow old.

Bb F Eb F/A Bb
They - shall not - grow old.

[Chorus 3 a capella]

They shall not grow old
As we that are left grow old.
They shall not grow old