

# THE LONELY FORWARD SCOUT <sup>1</sup>

EACH MAN HAS HIS DUTY  
YES, EACH MAN HAS HIS JOB  
AND EACH ONE TAKES THE CHANCE  
THAT HE WILL STAND BEFORE HIS GOD  
BUT ASK OF ANY SOLDIER  
WHAT HE THINKS OF THE SCOUT  
THE ONE THAT LEADS THE OTHERS  
THE LONELY FORWARD SCOUT

HE'S THE FIRST ONE INTO DANGER  
THE FIRST TO FACE THE SHOTS  
HE SEES AND HEARS WHAT OTHERS MISS  
AND READS RIGHT ON THE SPOT  
FOR NONE MAY WALK BESIDE HIM  
WHILE HE'S UP FRONT, THE SCOUT  
HE'S KNOWN AS BOTH THE EYES AND EARS  
THE LONELY FORWARD SCOUT

BUT MAN IS MAN AND LIFE GOES ROUND  
AND RETURNS TO FORM A RING  
THE WHISPERING OF THE LEAVES MAY MEAN  
THAT DEATH IS ON THE WING  
THE RIFLES BOOM, THE ROCKETS CRASH  
MANY LIVES HANG DEEP IN DOUBT  
HIS CHEST NOW BUT A CRIMSON CLOAK  
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AND NOW THERE LIES IN OUR SUNBURNT LAND  
DEEP DOWN BENEATH THE EARTH  
A BOY WHO DIED A SOLDIER'S DEATH  
FOR ALL THIS IT WAS WORTH  
WE WERE HIT FROM EVERY SIDE IT SEEMED  
JUST ABLE TO GET OUT  
BUT THERE UP FRONT, ALONE, HE DIED  
THE LONELY FORWARD SCOUT

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Notes:  
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218535 Stephen Andrew EVANS was killed in a motor vehicle accident on 18 March 1994 aged 45.  
The Apollo 11 space flight landed the first humans on Earth's Moon on July 20, 1969.