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 Ode is read by either the person conducting the ceremony or someone specially invited to read it: | They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
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<td>The other people gathered at the ceremony then say:</td>
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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