

PRIME MINISTER

On Thursday at 5.30 pm you are due to pre-film your contribution to the BBC's Remembrance Sunday "Songs of Praise" programme from Liverpool Cathedral.

The BBC are looking to get about two minutes from you which will lead into the hymn "O Valiant Hearts" (I attach a copy of the words).

You will be interviewed by Geoffrey Wheeler who has presented "Songs of Praise" for many years. He hopes that you will say something about

- (1) Remembrance Sunday and what it means to you;
- (2) how you felt as a Christian when you were faced with hard "life and death" decisions in the Falklands' crisis;
- (3) some kind of tribute to those who served in the Wars, including the Falklands, and their families.

The interview will be filmed on two cameras in the White Drawing Room and I shall be covering the occasion. The BBC advice is that your normal make-up will be quite sufficient and that there is certainly no need for you to dress as though you were at church, although they would like you to wear a poppy which they will supply.

Clearly the Falklands will figure in your thoughts but I hope you agree that the Falkland factor should not be overplayed, especially at the expense of the more general feelings of Remembrance.

Content with the arrangements?



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Quaker.

O VALIANT HEARTS

(Tune: The Supreme Sacrifice)

- v.1
Full harmony
- O valiant hearts, who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle-flame;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.
- v.2
Full harmony
- Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,
Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,
While in the frailty of our human clay
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self-same way.
- v.3
Full harmony
- Still stands His Cross from that dread hour to this,
Like some bright star above the dark abyss;
Still, through the veil, the victor's pitying eyes
Look down to bless our lesser Calvaries.
- v.4
Full harmony
- O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,
Whose Cross has brought them and whose staff has led
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land
Commits her children to Thy gracious hand.

ALL REMAIN STANDING FOR ACT OF REMEMBRANCE.