Two minutes of silence

THE GREAT SILENCE

WHERE?

Autumn 1920, after the Great War

WHEN?

THE CEREMONY OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

 Della Torca Aurora 4ALS THE GREAT SILENCE

In London, from the station to Westminster Abbey

1. Firing party
2. Massed bands, Pipes and Drums
3. Gun Carriage
4. Bearers
5. Royal Navy, Army and Air Force
6. Ex-soldiers
7. King George

THE PARTICIPANS

Chosen by ballot from millions of people

Tradition imported from South Africa

The first minute to commemorate those who fought and came home, the second one to remember those who did not

Bereaved mothers, wives and fathers

Pilgrims from all over the country and other Allied nations (France, Belgium, USA)

Signalled by the ringing of church bells