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OH WHAT A LOVELY WAR was first performed at the Theatre Royal, Stratford on 19th march 1963. The script was written by Charles Chilton and members of the cast and is based on books and journals of the time of the Great War, and includes songs which were part of the everyday life of the British Serviceman.

This production is the fruits of a close co-operation between the Cast, Choreographer, Musical director and Directors, this production has benefitted from the vast wealth of experience that Ramsgate Operatic Society can offer and the enthusiasm and commitment that each member has.

We have tried to demonstrate the continuous 'see saw' of emotions that occur in times of conflict, comradeship, elation, sadness and despair as well as the horrors of the realities of a conflict which so decimated the male population of many towns, villages and cities of this and many other countries.

1990 is a very poignant year for this production. Not only is it the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Britain but just 75 years since some of the bloodiest battles of the Great war.

This show is dedicated to the memory of our Grandfathers and Greatgrandfathers and to the many men who died or who were wounded, some of whom still suffer today, so that we might have the freedom to put on shows like this, and you might have the right to attend freely, shows of your choice.....

Oh What a Lovely War was not written as a musical as we would be accustomed, there are no specific scene changes, the action taking place at various times during the Great war, however, to help you follow the play, listed below are the songs you will hear during the performance,

If you wish to join in and sing along please do so.....

ACT 1

Row, Row, Row
We don't want to join the Army
Belgium put the kaibosh on the Kaiser
Are we downhearted ?
hold your hand out, naughty boy
I'll make a man of you
Pack up your troubles
Hitchy-koo
Heilige Nacht (Silent Night)
Christmas Day in the cookhouse
Goodbye-ee

ACT 2

Oh, it's a lovely war
Gassed last night
Roses of Picardy
Hush, here comes a whizzbang
There's a long, long trail
Rule Britannia
I don't want to be a soldier
Kaiser Bill
They were only playing leepfrog
If you want the old Battalion
Far far from Wipers
If the Sergeant steals your rum
I wore a tunic
Forward Joe Soap's Army
Fred Karno's Army
When this lousy war is over
Wash me in the water
The bells of hell
Keep the home fires burning
Sister Susie's sewing shirts
Chanson de Croanne
And when they ask us (Finale)

OH WHAT A LOVELY WAR

*WRITTEN BY CHARLES CHILTON, COMPOSED BY JOAN LITTLEWOOD AND
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Cast List

Bob Aird, Jill Baxter, Bill Bennett, Sylvia Blogg,
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Bowden, Richard Bowden, Sally Bowden, Bob Brown,
Delia Butterworth, Jacqueline Corden, Betty Dale,
Jane Daulman, John Dixon, David Ellerby, Eve Frampton,
Dudley Gore, Dennis Howdle, Aldwyth Humphries,
Anne Jones, Norman Kite, Tim Offord,
Steve Tottman, Patricia Parkins, Mary Patten,
Bob Peskett, Tony Power, June Redford,
Betty Reid, Heather Sawney, Peter Shaw, Trevor Smith,
Rita Sturge, Collette Taylor, Jenny Vaughan.

Dancers

Carol Derbyshire, Julie Payne, Christine Turner,
Tracey Surrage, Gemma Cayzer, Sarah Cash.

Orchestra

Musical Director : Violet Graham

Trumpet : K.Davis

Percussion : R.Spoore

Keyboards : R.Scarth

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