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As we approach the Memorial Day weekend, we anxiously anticipate our plans of fun, barbeques, and three days away from work. Many of us will also attend parades and remembrance services across America reminding us that the accomplishments and sacrifices of our fallen soldiers cannot be forgotten.

Laurence Binyon's poem "For the Fallen" is often recited during these remembrance services. Binyon wrote the poem in 1914, shortly after the start of World War I, struck by the massive casualties the war had caused. The recent Battle of the Marne had claimed more than a half a million lives. Here's a powerful excerpt:

*They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eyes, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.*

*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.*

We wish you and yours a very enjoyable Memorial Day weekend. And in between flipping burgers on the grill, soaking up the sun and enjoying family and friends, let's take a moment to reflect on the real reason for the unofficial "kick-off" to summer. Let's remember THEM.

Sincerely,

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