*When the fairies are not dancing in the moonlit glade and dell,*

*They are busy putting mortals underneath their fairy spell,*

*And a fairy boy who wanders o’er a world at work and play*

*Longs to put the boys of Britain ‘neath his fairy spell to-day,*

*‘Neath the spell of England’s honour one who’s British born himself*

*Wants to hold you, for I’ve told you Puck’s a little English elf.*

*He is going to fight for England and he wants you every one*

*To join the little Army that is out against the Hun.*

[CHORUS]

*Won’t you join the Army? Won’t you come with me?*

*Won’t you come with me, boys, to Berlin on the Spree?*

*Say goodbye to Kate or Nan.*

*She’ll be proud that you’re a man.*

*Won’t you, won’t you, won’t you, won’t you come and join with me?*

*Of all the gallant deeds you’ve done, we’ve heard in Fairyland,*

*We know that ne’er a foe of old your valour could withstand.*

*But now there’s danger on the sea and danger on the shore,*

*That Britain in her island pride has never known before.*

*The land that no invader’s foot has trod since Harold’s day*

*Is threatened by a foreign horde who helpless women slay!*

*Then up for women, bairns and home, ye men of British blood,*

*To pluck the German eagle’s crest and dam the German flood.*

[CHORUS]

*Won’t you join the Army? Won’t you come with me?*

*Won’t you rally round the flag across the Northern Sea?*

*Say goodbye to Kate or Nan.*

*She’ll be proud that you’re a man.*

*Won’t you, won’t you, won’t you, won’t you come and join with me?*

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| ***Glossary:***   * **Gallant** – Brave and well behaved * **German eagle** – This is an old symbol for the kings of Germany, part of the German coat  of arms. It comes from the eagle standard used by the Romans, which they took into battle * **Harold** – Harold Godwineson, the last Anglo-Saxon King of England, was defeated by William the Conqueror at the Battle of Hastings in 1066 * **Hun** – A rude name used for German people, especially during World Wasr One and Two * **Little army** – In 1914 the British Army was smaller than those of other European countries * **Puck** – A mischievous spirit from English folktales. Appears in Shakespeare’s comic play  *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* * **Rally** – Call made to people to take action for a common cause * **Spree** – A fun social occasion * **Valour** – Courage, especially in war |

**Questions:**

* How does the song make you feel and why?
* Would the song have made men want to join the army in 1914? Why/why not?
* How might the song have made men who had not joined the army feel?
* How do women and children appear in the song?
* The song imagines the war is being fought by fairies. What do you think of this?
* What does the song suggest ‘war’ will be like?
* How does the song use the idea of ‘Britishness’?
* What do you think of the language used about German people (eg. ‘Hun’, ‘horde’, ‘flood’?)