

Samuel Alf James Brooks

*S A J Brooks, 134281,
gunner, Depot one, Royal Garrison,
I see my name and stare, I am undone,*

*a volunteer, who left to fight the Hun,
Samuel, a death plaque sent to your son,
S A J Brooks, 134281,*

*I read the words of those, on Gatling gun,
life under fire, made targets of each man,
I see my name and stare, I am undone,*

*dense smoke, beware, as you are overrun,
yards are lost, then taken back again,
S A J Brooks, 134281,*

*no country walk on the road to Verdun,
but cold and dark and lethal on the Somme,
I see my name and stare, I am undone,*

*I bow and marvel at what you have done,
a victim of their so-called master plan,
S A J Brooks, 134281,
I see my name and stare, I am undone.*