SONG TITLE : Walking the Names in the Workhouse Field

To the tune of “Brian Boru”

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Richard White – poet started to walk the fields of the Bath Union Workhouse Burial Ground to recognize the people buried there with no mark or memorial after dying in the workhouse.

V:1 Cm

They are walking the names in the workhouse field

Gm

Where the bones of the poor lay forever concealed

Cm G#

They were not so much as buried as thrown in a pit

Cm Gm

No memorial words were ever thought fit

CHORUS

Eb

Ring the bell, ring it for charity

Bb

Ring the bell, say a name and walk on

Cm

Ring the bell for justice in poverty

Cm Gm Cm

Remember the names of those who are gone

V:2

Mothers and fathers, their sons and their daughters

Babies as young as the day they were born

Their crime was to fall into poverty’s grasp

Consigned to their graves with no-one to mourn. (CHORUS)

V:3

They are walking the names as a sign of respect

For the poor of the past unmarked and neglected

Pacing the field to the beat of a drum

Take a step, ring a bell, say a name and walk on. (CHORUS)

FINISH WITH 2 CHORUSES and repeat last line