

## PROLOGUE

*(The curtains are closed and in front are five Polish people. They are narrators –VALERIA, PAULINA, PIOTR, JOZEF. They sing a short Polish song and turn to the audience.*

**WANDA**

*(in Polish)* I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith.

**ELIZA**

I have fought the good fight.

**VALERIA**

I have finished the race.

**KAROLINA**

I have kept the faith.

**PAULINA**

The faith? Yes to our God but also faith in our future.

**ELIZA**

A future? Where is our future? In our homeland? In Poland?

**PAULINA**

And yet we fought. We fought for our freedom.

**VALERIA**

Yes we fought. We were an Army led by General Anders, a most amazing army. A Polish army that travelled three thousand miles to fight with the British.

**ELIZA**

From Poland to the prison of Siberia.

**KAROLINA**

From the gulags of Siberia to the Steppes of Central Asia. To Tashkent to Uzbekistan.

**ELIZA**

From Tashkent to Persia – across the Caspian.

**KAROLINA**

From Persia to Iraq.

**ELIZA**

From Iraq to Palestine.

**KAROLINA**

From Palestine to Italy or India or Africa.

**ELIZA**

And from there to here. A journey eh? An army of exile.

**VALERIA**

An army like no other. An invisible army.

*(These five stay on stage as narrators)*