They came from afar, they came from America
Risking their lives, they crossed the Atlantic
Where each cresting wave concealed a foe
A floating mine, a lurking U boat.
Braving the raging sea, they boarded their ships
In spite of the danger, -- strapping carefree lads they were
Big-hearted, easy-going lads, they were
To free us from our enslavement under the Nazis

They left behind, in their far off homeland
Their flocks, their fields, their forests and their friends
The western prairies, the bright lights of New York --
The soft California sun, the beers of their home town bars,
And on the quay they said "good bye", perhaps forever
To mothers whose proud hearts already grieved --
Forsook young wives and sorrowing sweethearts, desolate
At such cruel separation in the dawning of their lives

Beneath a hail of steel, in deadly peril
They struggled ashore on the Normandy beaches
And overcame all in their path on their push through France
Arriving one bright morning to liberate us at last -
Then they marched on to the Ancient Bastion
And suddenly, there the drama played out
As bombs rained down - unleashed by the enemy
In a deadly storm, killing alike both officers and men.

Handsome GI -- you who braved all
Who came from afar - who came from America
Led by your high ideals, heedless of danger
Your nobel blood flowed and reddened our soil
To gain us our freedom and bring war to an end,
Believe me when I tell you, we will never forget.
For through your sacrifice and selfless devotion
We have regained the honor of our country.

DR. PAUL DELAHAYE
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