



Flag over the USS Arizona Memorial

Pearl Harbor Visit

I came to Oahu with one thing in mind, I came here with only one plan -
to stand at the place where so many died, where so many died for this land!

To stand and give thanks for their sacrifice, to stand here a moment and pray,
to stand here at Pearl Harbor, and remember all that they gave.

On the waters over the Arizona, you'll think of what it cost,
and you can't help but feel the ghosts of the many men we lost.

You look ahead to the Oklahoma, it's gone without a trace.
Lost on that fiery day, lost to war's great waste!

You remember the battleship Nevada, and recall her gallant run.
Her try to reach deep water, cut short by Japanese guns!

And the sea air echoes with the cries of 1941,
and the wind carries a soft whisper,
from brave men who long are gone.

It says, "Remember us! Don't forget our sacrifice.
We stood tall when we were called, and we have paid the price."

"The price of American Freedom, of your very way of life,
we paid that day for you, in bombs, and fire, and strife!"

They died here on hallowed ground, now you and I live free.
It's a solemn thought, to know what the cost can be.

Gone the thousands of mostly young, with life and love ahead,
and all the plans, and all the dreams, and all that might have been
lie here - entombed in silence - with the long ago brave dead.

And yet the men of Pearl Harbor did not die in vain!
Their sacrifice is honored here, their resting place with tears is stained!

Their death awoke a nation, and a mighty giant rose,
and changed the course of history, as everyone should know.

But America, you move too fast, and too easily forget the past.
Well, you'd better hold tight, if you expect your heritage to last.

We must honor their sacrifice, honor the price they paid.
To stand here at Pearl Harbor is to remember promises made.

Promises to one another, to the unborn and the dead,
that we will protect this land of freedom, and remember what's been said:

That all men are created equal, and that each life can be blessed,
by life, and by liberty, and by the pursuit of happiness!



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