

## *THE VETERANS' HYMN*

You hero sons and daughters  
Whose lives were risked in war  
Receive the thanks of a grateful nation  
Now that your battle's o'er:  
You've done your part to defend our nation  
Now you need fight no more!

On jungle islands, angry seas  
On scorching desert sands  
In ice and snow on the cold rocky beaches  
Of cruel and distant lands  
You gave your all so that freedom's torch  
Could be raised by worthy hands!

And we bless the names of those who have died  
Who gave their lives unselfishly:

No greater love than this  
Than to lay down your life  
- your life for another!

The splendor of your gift to us  
Will shine through history  
Your sacrifice in the cause of justice  
Wond'rous legacy!  
Let us always be grateful  
To the veterans of our nation  
As today we stand strong and free!

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