

# BALLAD of the WORCESTER FIREMEN

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Em G D

ON A COLD NIGHT IN DE - - CEM - - BER IN A  
AS THE TRUCKS RACED TOWARDS THAT WARE - - HOUSE AN IN -

Em D Em

SPOT NOT FAR FROM HERE THE FIRE A - - LARM RANG  
- FER - NO CLONED FROM HELL WHAT THOUGHTS WERE IN THOSE

G D Em D Em

LOUD AND LONG FILL - ING EV' - RY HEART WITH FEAR THE OLD  
BRAVE MEN'S MINDS NO ONE A - - LIVE CAN TELL BUT THEY

G D Em D Bm

WARE - HOUSE HAD CAUGHT FIRE AND ITS FLAMES LEAPED TOWARDS THE  
NE - - VER STOPPED TO QUES - TION OR TO HES - - I - - TATE IN

D Em G D

SKY DOUBT AND BE - - FORE THAT E - - - VIL NIGHT HAD PASSED SIX  
THEY HAD ONE AW - - - FUL JOB TO DO TO

Em D Em Em *last verse*

BRAVE YOUNG MEN WOULD DIE AS THE BEST!  
GET THAT FIRE OUT!

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[3] AND AS THE FLAMES GREW BRIGHTER  
EACH FIREFIGHTER KNEW  
UNLESS THEY GOT IN QUICKLY  
AS THEY HAD BEEN TRAINED TO DO  
THERE WOULD BE NO HOPE FOR ANYONE  
NO CHANCE THEY WOULD SURVIVE  
SO IN WENT TWO TO SEARCH THE FLAMES  
FOR ANYONE STILL ALIVE

[4] BUT VOICES SOON CRIED "MAYDAY"  
IN THE CONFLAGRATION LOST  
THEN AGONY OF DECISION  
OF WEIGHING FEARFUL COST -  
SOON FOUR MORE IN TO FOLLOW  
- SAY HOW MANY VOLUNTEERED! -  
THEN THE DEADLY REALIZATION  
THESE MEN TOO HAD DISAPPEARED...

[5] AND THE WORLD STOOD BY IN ANGUISH  
AS THE HOURS OF THAT NIGHT  
PASSED BY WITH ALL HOPE FADING  
WHILE THE FIRE STILL BURNED BRIGHT  
THE WORLD PRAYED NOT FOR RESCUE  
- NONE WOULD LEAVE THAT SMOL'DRING GRAVE -  
BUT FOR GOD'S ETERNAL MERCY  
ON THE SOULS OF WORCESTER'S BRAVE

[6] THEY CALL THESE FIREMEN HEROES  
AND THE WORLD WEEPS AS IT HEARS  
OF WIVES AND CHILDREN LEFT BEHIND  
OF SORROW BEYOND TEARS  
BUT TEARS WILL PASS - OUR THANKS MUST NOT  
THAT THANKS WE ALL MUST OWE  
TO MEN WHO GAVE THEIR VERY LIVES  
LIKE OUR SAVIOR LONG AGO

[7] LET THEIR NAMES RESOUND IN GLORY  
AND BE WRITTEN IN THE STARS  
BROTHERTON, JACKSON, LUCEY  
WHO WOULD GIVE THEIR LIVES FOR OURS  
SPENCER, McGUIRK, AND LYONS  
NO BRAVER MEN THAN THEY:  
MAY THEY PRAY FOR US FROM HEAVEN  
AS WE GRIEVE FOR THEM THIS DAY!

[8]  
additional verse 12/2019:  
IN SORROW NOW WE ADD THREE NAMES  
TO THE SIX WHO FELL THAT NIGHT  
MENARD, AND ROY, AND DAVIES  
HEROES SHARING HEAVEN'S LIGHT  
IN RESPONDING TO THEIR LAST ALARMS  
THEY PASSED GOD'S GREATEST TEST  
AND GAVE THEIR LIVES IN SACRIFICE  
FIRST RESPONDERS AT THEIR BEST!