Based On True Events

History prepared us, news reels informed us
about films based on true life events
without plot twists or turns, we know from the start
just how these movies will end.

The *Titanic* sinks in the North Atlantic
despite odds, Jesse Owens wins a race
United 93 crash-lands in a field
Apollo's crew returns safely from space.

Oppenheimer builds the first atomic bomb
George the VI airs the King's Speech
The Cuban Missile Crisis ends sans disaster
Ally forces storm Normandy Beach.

Eddie the Eagle lands his ski jump
Billy Elliot performs in the Royal Ballet
Allan Turning breaks Enigma's secret code
The Bank of Dave saves the day.

There's something very comforting about Hollywood films
based on historical events and real life
but why must they go on for three hours or more
when an hour and thirty would suffice?