Memories of a Fighter Pilot

Tell us how it was up there You fighting men that fly! The excitement and the glamour Of your life up in the sky.

Oh! there was plenty of excitement, Maybe a little glamour too But first and foremost in our minds Was the job we had to do.

We learned to fly, and loved to fly But there were times we found When the flak was bursting 'round us We'd be safer on the ground.

How can we tell you how it was To fight the war up there? Knowing we could meet our death Anytime. Anywhere.

How can we tell you how it felt To joke around and kid with John? (*) Then come back from a mission And find that he was gone.

We learned to live with danger Yet somehow through it all The comradeship we learned to share Is what we most recall.

Many years have come and gone Since WWII did cease God grant that in our lifetime We truly may have Peace!

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