Here's to the old Destroyer U.S.S. Haradin
H.M.C.S. Columbia now is her name,
She's convoyed the North Atlantic
Through submarines, icebergs and rain.

R.C.M. Officers have tried to reform us
But have soon given up in disgust,
As for routine we never had none
But take the ship to sea we must.

Pusser routine we don't go for it
As sailing men mostly are we,
We have our ideals of living
After many years spent on the sea.

Though the crew may be well represented
As defaulters each morning at nine,
We will back the ship to the limit
And sail her over Hitler's front line.

So while in port please don't chasise us
Though we fight gamble and go on a spree,
We will all be back in the morning
To take this Destroyer to sea.

We sailed with convoys to Iceland,
To England far over the sea,
And our ship will not be forgotten
For there were no happier crew than we.

Then we changed from convoy to task force
Looking for trouble northward we went,
And it came in the form of disaster
When two brave sailor's lives went.

We went steaming along through the ice flows
At thirty-five knots by the log,
Visibility had dropped to zero
By the ever encircling fog.

Now it seemed the Lord, he was with us
As the condensors soon filled with ice,
And our speed was quickly diminished
Which I am sure must have saved my life.

The off-watches were below in the mess deck
And dominoes was the usual game,
Little Joe was the point I was after
Then came the crash and the flame.

The rocks had come out of the darkness
And our Bow was now a crumpled mess,
But the crew were in no way excited
For the Columbia none the less.

The officers had orders out quickly
Emergency crews went to work with a will,
And we sailed into harbour at midnight
On the good old Columbia still.

Now she lies in a peaceful harbour
Away from the storm tossed sea,
But I know she'll be back in commission
For she is still a part of me.

Now we only lost two of our shipmates
And their deaths are deeply mourned by the crew,
But they gave their lives for Their Country
And a better World for me and for you.