

# **The MERCHANT MARINERS' HYMN**

**THEIR [G] COUNTRY (Bm) CALLED TO [C] ASK FOR [G] HELP:  
"YOU MUST (Em) TAKE MY (Bm) SHIPS TO [D7] SEA  
I (Em) NEED YOU TO [D] BE MY (Am) STRONG [D7] LIFE- [G] LINE  
AND I [D] NEED YOU [A7] URGENT- [D7] LY!"**

**SO ON [C] TEE-TWO'S [D] AND ON [G] LIBERTIES  
AND ON (Am) SHIPS WITH [B] VICTORY'S (Em) NAME  
THEY [G] CARRIED (Bm) OIL, CARRIED [C] GUNS AND [G] WHEAT  
THRU (Em) ICE AND [D7] STORM AND [G] FLAME**

**SO RE- [D] MEMBER THEM, ALL (Em) YOU [C] WHO [G] WALK  
IN THE (Bm) SUN OF [C] FREEDOM'S [D] DAY  
AND [G] PRAY FOR THE [D] MARI- [C] NERS WE [G] LOST  
ON (Em) SEAS SO [D] FAR A- [G] WAY!**

**THEY SAILED THEIR SHIPS WITH GUTS AND BRAINS  
WITHOUT THE NAVY'S GUNS  
THEY CONVOYED NORTH TO FAR MURMANSK  
AND MADE ALL THE PERILOUS RUNS**

**BUT THEIR CARGOES HELPED OUR HEROES FIGHT  
AND OUR ALLIES TO SURVIVE  
OUR SHIPS AND OUR BRAVE MERCHANT MARINERS  
KEPT FREEDOM'S HOPE ALIVE!**

**WHEN THEY SAID GOODBYE, SO PROUD TO SERVE  
AS WAR'S DEMANDS DECREED  
AMERICA'S MERCHANT MARINERS  
RESPONDED TO HER NEED!**

**HONOR THOSE WHO PAID THE PRICE  
BY THEIR ULTIMATE SACRIFICE  
IN THE SERVICE OF OUR MERCHANT MARINE!**