This toast was read at the Memorial Service of LCDR James W. Eckles on November 18, 2009. It was read by his niece, Leslie Eckles Cody

A Toast To The Forgotten

Here's to the men of the briny deep;
Here's to their blood and guts;
Here's to those heroes who never sleep;
Here's to those glorious nuts.

Take your glass and raise it high...
Drink to their nerve and daring.
Don't be ashamed of the tear in your eye,
There are others who'll never stop caring.

Remember your husband, your buddy your friend...
The proud man with head held high;
Though young in years, you know at the end
His courage did not die.

Here's to the men with story untold;
You all know those I mean.
Here's to the men who never grow old...
The men in a submarine.

By Bob Milford