

The U. S. S. Franklin D. Roosevelt

(This and her sister ship, the *Midway*, are the largest and most powerful warships ever built.)

The following is based on the speeches by Secretary of the Navy, James V. Forrestal, and others at the launching in New York, on April 29, 1945.

Proudly, and with reverence,
To-day we come to dedicate
This mighty super-carrier,
The symbol of a mighty state.

Six thousand workers, day and night,
Have toiled for months to make complete
This mammoth structure, named for one
Whose spirit never knew defeat.

We who have known his eager mind,
And his imagination's sweep
Are dedicated to his aims:
The war to win, the peace to keep.

On him, a lover of the sea,
The navy has a special claim,
And soon these planes and guns will roar
A fiery tribute to his name.

Now, toward this aggregation vast
Of iron grim, and shining steel,
The river waters, rushing in,
Are rising fast to meet her keel.

God bless the ship, and bless the men.
Henceforward may they ever be
Invincible to every foe,
And never conquered by the sea.
With duty done, and fighting o'er,
God bring them safely home once more.

—Margery Strong

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