



"For God and Country"



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HOME TOWN

By Edgar A. Guest, 7/27/43

I have heard it from his mother: 'Tis the custom
with them all, when they have finished with their
training to fly home and pay a call.

Not as earth-bound fellows do it, nor as sailors home
from sea, but as pilots of the heavens in the cause of
Liberty. And before he leaves for battle and can put his
school books down, he must do that bit of solo known as
"Dusting off His Home Town".

Now the trick that's known as "dusting" is the
swooping from the skies, where his mother's sitting
watching with the sadness in her eyes.

He must rouse his home town people with that
terrifying roar, of a bomber rushing downward bringing
friends to every door.

Where they stand aghast to see him, goggled, capped,
and dressed in brown, a lad they've known from
boyhood back and "Dusting off His Home Town".

Those acquainted with the practice know the final rite
is paid, know the boy is off to danger when that hasty
trip is made.

With the morning he'll be flying to some battle post
afar, where the skies with flak are troubled and the
fearful hazards are.

So just pray the Lord to save him and his pluck with
glory crown, and just wish him happy landings when
he's "Dusting off His Home Town".

