

## D-DAY LYRICS

Lyrics: Stephen Plaice

The paper-round's done,  
Headline: *Invasion Under Way*.  
He shows it to his sister  
*What can we do today?*

*Salvage for Victory*  
says the poster on the wall.  
They go out on the knock,  
*Any scrap to spare at all?*

Gran, glued to the radio,  
hears the weatherman say  
the barometer's rising.  
Today must be the-day.  
The day.

*I want to do me bit.*  
*But what can I do?*

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*Squash the Squander bug,*  
*Make do and mend,*  
*patch that holey jumper*  
*with me old wool-ends.*

*Knit one, purl one, knit one, purl one...*  
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Mum leaves the factory,  
when the hooter blows.  
watches the khaki column crawl  
down the Canterbury Road.

A soldier's leaning out  
of the back of the truck.  
She blows him a kiss  
*Give'em hell, good luck!*

That's what he'll remember,  
when he's lying in the sand -  
the curls down her neck,  
the kiss-flattened hand.

Staring at the sky  
watching the parachutes bloom,  
as the bullets rake the beach,  
and the great guns boom.

*Knit one, purl one, knit one, purl one...*  
*But what can **we** do?*

asks the girl, asks the boy,  
seventy-five years on,  
*we want to do our bit,*  
*but it's all long gone...*

*Remember us*

say the soldiers and the sailors,  
and the bold engineers,  
the weathermen, inventors,  
the greasers of the gears.

*Remember us*

say the GIBS\* and the sparks and the johnnies  
those who can cable, fuel and forage,  
those who found the courage  
to offer up their bodies,

*Remember us*

say the butchers and the bakers,  
code-makers, code-breakers,  
the Mulberry Harbour makers  
and the dummy chute-fakers,

say the Poles, the Australians,  
the French and Scandinavians,  
the Czechs, the Greeks, the Africans,  
Yanks, Kiwis and Canadians,

say the Tommies  
left in the sand,

say the Germans  
left in the sand.

Says Gran,

still knitting us together  
in Time's great plan.

*Knit one, purl one, knit one, purl one...*  
*knit one purl one...*

*Remember us*  
*Remember us*  
*Remember us*  
*Us all.*

\* GIB = Guys in Back