The Longest Day (2015 Remastered Version)

Iron Maiden

In the gloom the gathering storm abates

In the ships gimlet eyes await

The call to arms to hammer at the gates

To blow them wide throw evil to its fateAll summers long the drills to build the machine

To turn men from flesh and blood to steel

From paper soldiers to bodies on the beach

From summer sands to Armageddon's reachOverlord, your master not your god

The enemy coast dawning Grey with scud

These wretched souls puking, shaking fear

To take a bullet for those who sent them here The world's alight, the cliffs erupt in flame

No escape, remorseless shrapnel rains

Drowning men no chance for a warrior's fate

A choking death enter hell's gateSliding we go, only fear on our side

To the edge of the wire,

And we rush with the tide

Oh the water is red,

With the blood of the dead

But I'm still alive, pray to God I survive[Chorus x2:]

How long on this longest day

'Til we finally make it through

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'Til we finally make it through The rising dead, faces bloated torn

They are relieved, the living wait their turn

Your number's up, the bullet's got your name

You still go on, to hell and back againValhalla waits, valkyries rise and fall

The warrior tombs, lie open for us all

A ghostly hand reaches through the veil

Blood and sand, we will prevailSliding we go, only fear on our side

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