

# Brave Captain

## Big Big Train

A statue of a young man  
Defiantly stands  
Glove held in left hand  
With an Angel close by his shoulder  
At the stroke of midnight  
When no one's in sight  
Beneath the floodlights  
What does she whisper?  
What has he told her?

Sunshine through the leaves  
Back in '73  
With my parents and we  
Were eating ice cream  
In the shade of the old trees

I asked "Who was he?"  
My Dad said to me  
"Although he was only twenty  
He was a hero who'd died for his country"

Well, you should have seen me  
Who would believe me now?  
Racing around the castle grounds  
Wild imagination in full flight  
My arms stretched wide  
I'll be a Brave Captain of the Skies

You were a flying ace  
From the history books  
Thrilling deeds and dashing looks  
Fulfilling your destiny  
Simply doing your duty  
For King and Country

You were the poster boy  
Who shunned your own fame  
Who didn't take to the accolades  
Even when propaganda  
Screamed your name

You believed celebrity to be nonsense  
You were a loner, a solitary man  
Practical minded  
And good with your hands  
Your letters sent home  
Revealed, this weapon has a conscience

Until, at long last, your plane emerges  
From out of the low cloud  
Inverted  
Flying upside-down  
Too close to the ground to recover  
Heading earthbound  
No engine sound  
Black smoke trailing  
Silently falling down  
Brave Captain of the Skies

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