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## **JUMPING MUSTANGS**

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**God and the Soldier we adore,  
in time of danger, not before.  
The danger passed and all things righted,  
God is forgotten and the Soldier slighted**

**He went where others feared to go,  
and did what others failed to do.  
He cried, pained and hoped--  
but most of all he lived times--  
never to be forgotten.**