

So Long. It's Been Good to Know You

"You're from San Francisco, that gem by the bay.
You were marked for distinction at the U.S.N.A.
In the far Leyte Gulf you entered the fray,
Where Halsey and Kincaid carried the day.

Now it's...

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It's a long time since you signed on,
And you're gonna be moving along.

In command of ATAKA you sailed up Yangtze.
With our flag at the masthead for the whole world to see.
It was there you met Mouza, your bride soon to be.
You've an eye for grace, beauty, and charm we agree.

Refrain:

You've skippered the finest, ashore and at sea.
The TILLS and the ISBELL, and DEWEY make three;
CRUDESLOT Seven and COMNAVFOR V,
You've been all the things sailors set out to be.

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You became CNO in July Seventy,
With green stripes and grams that were signed with Z.
You pushed people programs and man's dignity.
And sought to restore zest to life on the sea.

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You've pursued new initiatives with great energy.
PF, and LAMPS, and ASMD;
Hydrofoils, HARPOON, and STOLS with a V.
With a single objective, control of the sea.

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Now Mouza and Bud you've a great family.
There's Ann, there's Mouzetta, and Elmo the three,
And Lieutenant Jim in the USMC.
He's your contribution to projection from sea.

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It's been exciting with ne'er a dull day
With you on the E Ring, we've come a long way.
Now whate'er the future; be what it may,
We wish you smooth sailing as once more we say:

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