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***** Iwo Jima *** The Battle to Remember**

This is an Adaptation of Shakespeare's report of the famous Battle of Agincourt from English History. Information concerning Agincourt by Shakespeare was in his "King Henry V" Essay. I have been pretty weak regarding works by Shakespeare. For this, my thanks to our own John J. Wittich, of Champaign, IL. Your editor, Orvel

He that outlives this battle and comes safe home,
Will stand a tip-toe when this day is named,
And rouse him at the name of IWO JIMA.
He that shall see these days and live old age
Will yearly on the vigil feast his neighbor
And say, tomorrow is Iwo Jima Day.
Then will he strip his sleeve and show his scars
And say, these wounds I had on Iwo Jima.
Old men forget; yet all shall be forgot,
But he'll remember, with advantages,
What fetes he did that day. Then shall our names,
Familiar in their mouths as household words,
Fred Eberhardt, Sidney Gottschalk, Fred Rowe, and Joe Falcone,
Ralph Haas, James Manning, Rae Nunemaker, and Lee Wagner.
Be in their flowering cups freshly remembered.

This story shall the good man teach his son;
And Iwo Jima Day shall ne'er go by
From this day to the ending of the world,
But we in it shall be remembered;
We few, we happy few, we band of brothers.
For he today that sheds his blood with me,
Shall be my brother, be ne'er so vile,
This day shall raise his condition.
And gentlemen in America, now a-bed,
Shall think themselves accursed they were not here:
And hold their manhoods cheap, whiles any speaks
That fought with us upon IWO JIMA shores.

Amen (added)