

Summer 2009

TRIBUTE TO OUR SOLDIERS
AND TO THE MAINE TROOP GREETERS

Welcome home, soldiers -
America's dragon teeth.

Welcome home, soldiers,
Descending proudly from the sky,
Sun-seared and sand-blasted
Warriors in combat fatigues.

Welcome home, soldiers,
Sowed in peace; reaped in war.
Brave veterans of desert warfare,
Savoring the homeland in summer green.

Welcome home, soldiers,
Sons and daughters who answered the call
For volunteers, foregoing home and hearth
For harm's way, where heroes are born.

Welcome home, soldiers,
Clasp this Mainer's hand,
Surrogate for a grateful nation
Proud of its freedom fighters.

Welcome home, soldiers,
Thank you for serving your country
And reaffirming this Greeter's
Faith in our fighting men and women.

Soldiers, you are our dragon teeth.
Clench them with renewed resolve,
For you are America's shield and sword
In this cruel war without borders
And without end.

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