

# THE HOME GUARD.

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When old England was in danger  
And invasion seemed quite near  
When our Allies had all left us  
Came the call for volunteers.

Like a flash the men of Britain  
Answered Eden's stirring call  
Joined up in their tens of thousands  
With a purpose one and all.

From the length and breadth of Scotland  
Down to Cornwall's sunny shore  
Every city, town and village  
Felt the danger more and more.

From the coal mine and the factory  
Business men and labourers too  
From the mansion and the cottage  
Felt they had a job to do.

Through the weary hours of darkness  
After our day's work is done  
Carrying out a turn of duty  
To defend our island home.

Hitler, Goering and Lord Haw Haw  
Speak of us in sneering tones  
Spending our time playing darts and boozing  
Like a lot of blinking drones.

But if ever they invade us  
Then we'll put our darts away  
And we'll show them once for all  
Invading England doesn't pay.

Here we are then, standing ready,  
Ready if the call should come  
Rallying round our King and Empire  
Till the victory is won.

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