

Irby

Henry John Gauntlett, 1858

(Once In Royal David's
City)

Welcome home you crowning heroes,
Welcome home our flesh and blood.
Welcome home victorious warriors,
Welcome home to home and kin.
Thank you for your selfless service,
Let the nations now revere us.

Walk among your grateful neighbors,
Show them what a spirit is.
Talk about your life in combat,
Teach them loyalty and truth.
Proud we are of your great spirit,
Bring us news of our great nation.

Scourge of tyranny and traffic,
Balm of justice and peace.
Friend of sorrow, child and mis'ry,
Help of all who cry for help.
Mighty is your face and weapon,
Visit them upon the scoffer.

So may all your labors prosper,
So may all your hopes fulfill.
So may all our people prosper,
So may you their love compel.
Welcome home you honored warriors,
Earned you have our adoration.

The Rev. David R. Graham, 2011

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Syllabized To The Tune, *Irby*:

Welcome home you crow-ow-ni-ing he-roes,
Welcome home our fle-esh a-and blood.
Welcome home victo-oriou-us war'iors,
Welcome home to ho-ome a-and kin.
Thank you for your self-less service,
Let the na-tions no-ow re-e-vere us.

Walk among your gra-atefu-ul neigh-bors,
Show them what a spi-iri-it is.
Talk about your li-ife i-in com-bat,
Teach them loy-alty-y and truth.
Proud we are of your great spi-rit,
Bring us news of o-our grea-at na-tion.

Scourge of ty-ranny-y and traf-fic,
Balm of ju-ustice and peace.
Friend of so-rrow, chi-ild a-and mis'ry,
Help of all who cry-y fo-or help.
Migh-ty is your face and wea-pon,
Visit them upo-on th'-e scof-fer.

So may all your la-abo-ors pro-sper,
So may all your ho-opes fu-ulfill.

So may all our pe-eo-pl-le pro-sper,
So may you their lo-ove co-ompel.
Welcome home you hon-ored war'iors,
Earned you have our a-ado-oration.

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Choir of King's College Cambridge Singing
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