

## **Operation Market Garden**

On the 17th September, into Holland they would land.  
It ended up so tragic, and not as it was planned.  
The Gliders they descended, released from towing tug.  
And into war once more again, another fox hole dug.

“Where are the reinforcements, the needed food and water?  
We daren’t go to the well, for that may bring us slaughter.  
Watching and just waiting, the Germans unabating.  
I know we need the bridges, and that they must be taken.  
But we can’t beat them back, Monty was mistaken.”

So welcomed by the Dutch, with flowers and words of praise, Freedom for them wanted, they tried  
for nine hard days.

When it was apparent, that Arnhem could not be won.  
Withdrawal was required, sadly only made by some.

Their bravery and valour should always be remembered.  
For those nine days of hell, that long week of September.

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