



Scapa Flow, by Hamish Scott

Winner of 2015/16 Poetry Competition, Battle of Jutland Commemorations

The ships arrive

Grey ghosts appearing through the mist

Scapa Flow

Home of Battleship

Longboats of the modern age

It was War

For Scapa Flow

Battle imminent

Combating the Hun

Dogger Bank

And Jutland

The fleet departing

From Scapa Flow

Defences are up

Block ships, booms and barrier

Artillery and Minefield

Prepared for attack

Was Scapa Flow

The War...

Won

The German fleet...

Interned

Not without a cost

Thousands of lives lost to the deep.

The fragile peace begins

Scapa Flow

Entertainment was wanted,

For the bored sailors

A golf course on Flotta

Boxing matches on the ships

Sailors were content

At Scapa Flow



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