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"The Golden Greek"

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TIME WASHES AWAY PEOPLE WHO DEPART
YOU WHO REMAIN CHERISH HEROES OF THE HEART
THEY SELDOM GRACE EARTH BUT, NOT FOR LONG
THE GOLDEN GREEK LIVES IN THIS SONG

TOO MANY ATHLETES SPELL TEAM AS M-E
THE GOLDEN GREEK KNEW TEAM MEANT ONLY WE
THIS ALL AMERICAN TRULY STOOD APART
THE GOLDEN GREEK WAS SIMPLY PURE OF HEART

FOUR HUNDRED CHURCHES HONORED FOR FORTY DAYS
THE MAN WHO TOUCHED MANY HEARTS IN SO MANY
WAYS
FIFTY THOUSAND SAID GOODBYE AS HIS CHURCH
CHOIR
SANG LOVE FOR THE MAN WHO SET THE SPORTS
WORLD AFIRE

CHORUS

HARRY AGGANIS STIRRED HEART AND SOUL
DID GOD TAKE HIM SO HE WOULD NEVER GROW OLD?
HEROES LIVE FOREVER THOUGH HARRY DIED YOUNG
THE SONG OF THE GOLDEN GREEK WILL ALWAYS BE
SUNG

THOUSANDS OF MARINES IN THE CAROLINA SUN
NAMED A FIELD FOR THE MARINE WHO LEFT NO DEED
UNDONE
THE FIRST OLYMPIC HEROES WON OLIVE WREATHS
HIS SILVER WREATH FROM THE KING AND QUEEN OF
GREECE

THE SEVENTH CHILD OF IMMIGRANTS BORN IN LYNN
LEARNED PLAYING THE GAME RIGHT WAS THE WAY TO
WIN
HE HIT MAJOR LEAGUE PITCHING AT FOURTEEN YEARS
OF AGE
THEN WENT ON TO GLORY ON THE SPORTS PAGE

THIS HALL OF FAMER SCRAMBLED FORTY YARDS FROM

THE POCKET
HE THREW FEATHER PASSES OR SHOTS LIKE A ROCKET
THOUGH HE LOOKED AND PLAYED LIKE A GREEK GOD
THIS FLESH AND BLOOD HERO WAS ONE WITH THE
LORD

REPEAT CHORUS

HE GAVE TO THE POOR AND CHURCH, GIFTS HE
RECEIVED
HARRY LIVED THE GOLDEN RULE, AS HE BELIEVED
HIS SMILE WARM AND BRIGHT LIKE SUNSHINE IN JULY
WHY AT TWENTY-SIX DID THIS RED SOX STAR DIE?

THE NFL PLAYED GAMES IN HONOR OF HIS NAME
ALL FOR A MAN WHO NEVER PLAYED A PRO GAME
HE PLANNED TO PLAY FOR THE SOX AND THE N-F-L
WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN ONLY GOD CAN TELL

THIS HERO OF THE HEART WAS LIKE NO OTHER
HIS LAST WORDS: WERE "TAKE CARE OF MY MOTHER"
IN THE PANTHEON OF SPORTS, THE GOLDEN GREEK
REIGNS
HIS MEM'RY GLOWING LIKE THE OLYMPIC FLAME

REPEAT LAST LINE AND FADE

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