

## Jimmy Dean

### "P.T. 109"

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(Marijohn Wilkin - Fred Burch)

In '43 they put to sea thirteen men and Kennedy  
Aboard the PT 109 to fight the brazen enemy  
And off the isle of Olanasana in the straight beyond Naru  
A Jap destroyer in the night cut the 109 in two.

Smoke and fire upon the sea  
Everywhere they looked was the enemy  
The heathen gods of old Japan  
Yeah, they had the best of a mighty good men.

And on the coast of Kolobangara looking through this  
telescope  
Australian Evans saw the battle for the crew had little  
hope  
Two were dead and some were wounded all were  
clinging to the bow  
Fightin' fire and flightin' water tryin' to save themselves  
somehow.

Smoke and fire upon the sea  
Everywhere they looked was the enemy  
The heathen gods of old Japan  
Yeah, they had the best of a mighty good men.

McMahon the Irishman was burned so badly he couldn't  
swim  
Leave me here go on he said 'cause if you don't we'll  
all be dead  
The PT skipper couldn't leave him a man to die alone at  
sea  
And with a strap between his teets he towed the  
Irishman through to sea.

Smoke and fire upon the sea  
Everywhere they looked was the enemy  
The heathen gods of old Japan  
Yeah, they had the best of a mighty good men.

He led his men through waters dark rocky reefs and

hungry sharks  
He braved the enemy's bayonets a thirty eight hung  
round his neck  
Four more days and four more nights a rescue boat  
pulled into sight  
The PT 109 was gone but Kennedy and his crew lived  
on.

Now who could guess who could possibly know  
That same man named Kennedy would be the leader of  
the nation  
Be the one to take command  
The PT 109 was gone but Kennedy lived to fight again.

Smoke and fire upon the sea everywhere they looked  
was the enemy  
But JFK and his crew lived on  
Which proves it's hard to get the best of a man named  
John  
(Big John, big John, big John, big John, big John, big  
John...)

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