Caroline's Spine "The Fighting Sullivans"

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It's not hard to reach back
To that day, underneath the lowa sun
Running to the tower of Waterloo
looking for the Sullivan's train to come
And his five boys would run to the top
And salute him as he went by
First we wave hello, then we waved goodbye
Goodbye

It's not hard to reach back to the days after the attack on Pearl And overnight my buddies turned into men Running out of time for games and girls And the Sullivan boys were not overlooked Uncle Sam calling each by name The very next day they left on a mystery train

So say goodbye, bye, bye Mrs. Sullivan And don't you cry, cry, cry, cry, cry... We regret to inform you that the Navy is taking your sons away All five, five, five, five So put your blue star in the window In the window

It's not hard to reach back to her smile when she received a letter and the letters they sounded generally the same said if they couldn't be home at least they were together on a mighty fighting battleship somewhere in the South Pacific the letters never got much more specific

So say goodbye, bye, bye Mrs. Sullivan And don't you cry, cry, cry, cry, cry... We regret to inform you that the Navy is keeping your sons away All five, five, five So put your blue star in the window In the window It's not hard to reach back to the day when the war finally came home Uncle Sam'll send you a telegram so he doesn't have to tell you over the phone

I heard she cracked up when they found out what the war had cost When all of her five of her boys were lost They were, they were

Say goodbye, bye, bye Mrs. Sullivan
Go ahead and cry, cry, cry, cry, cry
We regret to inform you that all of your sons have
passed away
All five, five, five, five
So change your blue star to gold
Blue star to gold
Blue stars change them to gold

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