

Mary Chapin Carpenter "Heroes & Heroines"

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Heroes and heroines are scarcer than they've ever
been

So much more to lose than win
The distance never greater
Way back when you made history
By flying planes across the sea
Embarking on your odyssey
You put away the danger

Heaven bless the' one who flies
A pioneer on frontier skies
The world was dark and your only mark
Was the light of the northern star
I imagine what was in your eyes
The seeds of rust and days gone by
Your wings hang in a gallery sky
I wonder how you're flying

Way out on the western plains
The snow drifts high and the dust wind burns
The chinooks blow their winds across the mountains
A life that's never safe and dry
Rodeos and riding high
Ladies and their men get by
On six-guns and white lightning

Heaven bless them on the road
Those drifters and their dreams of gold
The world was wide and cowboy's soul
Could span the whole horizon
I imagine what was in your eyes
The dust and the dirt under outlaw skies
A piece of land and a stubborn mind
Were the only things worth having

Now they say the moon is dust and ash
California's made of cash
We're waiting for those hills to crash
Into the sparkling waters
Rain and snow and sun and wind
You roamed the earth and you spread your wings
And long ago, my heroes' dreams

Belonged to all god's creatures.

Heaven bless the ones who sleep
The ones who laugh and the ones who weep
Heaven bless the ones who keep
Their bearings strong and certain
And lord help the fool who said
You'd better quit while you're ahead
A dreamer born is a hero bred
On earth and up in heaven
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