

2009 Toast to the City

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To a city and people both smiled on by fate
May our pains make us stronger
And may our strengths make us great

To our parents and others who came on before
Who paved from a swamp this great place we adore
Then brought the world oil, locomotives and tanks
Neon and engines, restaurants and banks

To the soldiers who fight in wars far from here
May they know we continue to hold them all dear
May God guard their actions wherever they roam
And see them returned to the safety of home

To our children who venture too far away
And to those, best of all, who would venture to stay
May we leave them a city of which to be proud
May their happiness flourish and their riches abound
May their leaders be wise, may their troubles be few
And more than all else, may their motives be true

And until such a time, as we toil for today
May the Lord bless our efforts and keep trouble at bay
May he smile on this city, this county, this state
And most of all, on you people, who help make them great.

To Lima, to Allen County, to Ohio and to the USA and to all who love her here
and away