

When The Tigers Broke Free

Pink Floyd

1. It was just before dawn one miserable
morning in black forty-four..
When the forward commander was told to sit tight..
When asked that his men be withdrawn..
And the generals gave thanks as the other ranks
held be the enemy tanks - for a while..
And then the Anzio bridgehead was held for the price
of a few hundred ordinary lives..
2. And kind old King George sent mother
a note when he heard that father was gone..
It was, as I recall, in the form of a scroll
with golden leaf and ,all..
And I found it one day
in a drawer of old photographs hidden away..
And my eyes still grow damp to remember
his Majesty signed with his own rubber stamp..
3. It was dark all around..
There was frost in the ground
when the Tigers broke free..
And noone survived from the Royal Fusiliers Company C..
They were all left behind..
Most of them dead..
The rest of them dying..
And that's how the High Command took my Daddy
from me....