

## On Coral Shores

### Hail of Bullets

Tons of high explosives  
Plastering the reefs  
Amphtracs approaching  
Offloading LST's  
Establishing the beachheads  
Perimeter secured  
Distant laying battleships  
Roaring whilst harboured

Barbed wire and minefields  
Concrete obstacles  
Cautiously proceeding  
Behind armoured vehicles  
Say farewell to their comrades  
Left in blood red waves  
A sudden hail of metal  
From camouflaged caves

Barrels of all calibres  
Decimate the ranks  
Concentrated fire  
Hidden Ha Go tanks  
Airborne hara-kiri  
Devastating wings  
Naval bombardments  
Ever ongoing

Shermans cracking pillboxes  
Grinding spider holes  
Flamethrowers spewing  
Burn nests on these atolls  
Corsairs sending rockets  
Drive the enemy back  
Launch in desperation  
Vicious counterattack

Storming on a noxious stew  
Of putrefying dead  
Fierce hand-to-hand combat  
Charge with bayonet

Severed heads, blackened flesh  
Blood, bones, filth, and gore  
Torn cadavers exposing  
The gruesome face of war

Insulate choral shores