

Crossing the Delaware

As soldiers crossed the Delaware they knew
That chances to surprise like this were few
And catch a sleeping enemy in view,
Surrounding them until those troops withdrew.

For many men this was a tough debut,
To spend their Christmas holidays with new
Recruits who would become the chosen few,
This Continental Army would renew
The voice of freedom, justice and virtue.

Some soldiers braved the cold without a shoe
Which must have felt like life in an igloo,
Because they wanted government anew
Who wouldn't take their hard-earned revenue
The way the King & Queen were prone to do.

This courage and commitment both ring true.
Their sacrifice allows us to pursue
A lifestyle far beyond what these men knew,
And turned the restless Garden State into
A densely populated state that grew
To make New Jersey thrive for me & you.



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