

Embracing the New York Sky

**Below where I stand a deafening silence screams,
Unspeakable horrors follow me even into my dreams.**

**Our boots melt beneath our feet from angry fires of rage,
Thousands of innocent lives are lost..... history must write a new page.**

**My muscles tremble from over use, I pray to make it through this day,
Don't tell me to stop the search, oh please God, please let me stay.**

**I collapse from pure exhaustion, a tear runs down my cheek,
I feel the hand of my brother..... he too unable to speak.**

**Spirits torn, shattered with grief, we gently lay him at the altar,
Father Judge you carried all of us, not once did your love ever falter.**

**A hush falls through the ruins, not a sound is heard on site,
Hearts frantically beating for the chance in saving another life.**

**Three firefighters raise the flag of freedom surrounded by mountains of agonizing
despair,
Eye's gazing skyward honoring all who are so tragically buried there.**

**A man named Bush spoke between our shouts: "U.S.A" "U.S.A.",
His mission to end all terrorism, to weed them out day after day.**

**I'm afraid of what might become of me when our work is finished here,
I must give thanks for all there is to live for, and for those I hold so dear.**

**I am a firefighter no different from those living in another land,
If God and my country can't heal my pain..... a world at peace surely can.**

**Humbled by adversity, I choose to hold my head up high,
Sunshine brings new dreams to light, embracing the New York sky.**

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