

LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CG-57) 1 January 2022

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A starry night in 7th fleet

Another year we sail to meet

3,000 miles across the mighty Pacific

Dreaming of home, how could we not miss it?

Leaving San Diego's June gloom in our wake

Deployment '21 a salty sailor will make

We rocked and we rolled to twenty degrees

We swear it wasn't us it really was the seas

MODLOCed for days outside of the strait

5th or 7th fleet, which was our fate?

Waiting for VINSON's late call to HRU

A good night's sleep, not for you!

5 inch, CIWS, boom, boom, boom

LAKE CHAMPLAIN's gunpowder felt from

Every stateroom

Someone though RAS came better in twos

Jokes on them, still not mail for you!

We braved the depths of Davy Jones domain

Creating a crew of new shell backs on

LAKE CHAMPLAIN

In a year without very many piers

We sure were thankful for those two beers

We multiplied our carriers 1, 2, 3, 4!

In 2022 we might beat that score

Friendships were made across the life lines

We met up with our allies just a few times

England, Australia, Japan, India

Our partners, our friends it was so

Nice to see ya!

Out to sea every day, look at the rust

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Primer then paint, both are a must

Our deployment only gave us Guam

But 2022 promises a POM

2B engine online, starboard side trailing

1 and 2 GTG turning so we can keep sailing

Port shines red, starboard green

All lights bright lights so we can be seen

Scuttles closed tight on every deck

We are secure for sea and MODZ is set

Ensign [REDACTED] our OOD, she has the watch

AS CAPT [REDACTED] sleeps, the bridge remains taut

Tonight we say good-bye to 2021

Fair winds and following seas from

Carrier Strike Group One!