

***CURTIS WILBUR (DDG-54) 1 January 2022***

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For the first time since many  
Of this crew were born  
In San Diego Bay we continue the watch  
Moored as before

Port side to and berthed at Pier Three  
A great few of fireworks for all here to see  
As throughout 2021 we have found friends here  
PAUL HAMILTON, DECATUR, and HALSEY tied to the pier

In quiet and calm  
Of the week after Christmas  
CO and XO are both on the shore  
Reminiscing on CURTIS WILBUR's triumphs and legendary lore

January and February were somewhat the same  
In the East China Sea and it's drizzling rain  
The last ship on station was our claim to fame  
A RAS every week but feeling like every day

March found us rocking and rolling with glee  
As we swapped from the east to the South China Sea  
A typhoon with snow was a sight to behold  
Except for those watches tossed 'round below

After five months at sea April was a rest  
Mount Fuji by morning had us feeling our best  
Too motivated to rest, we kept up the press  
Recertifying our watch teams in ASW, BMD, and VBSS

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May was a month like many before  
Sailing around the Western Pacific  
As if we had never seen it before

June and July was really quite special  
CURTIS WILBUR operating to her full blown potential  
Submarines, ships, airplanes, we tracked them all  
Our third time in the Taiwan Strait was really a ball

August was historic and very momentous  
We hoped our adopted homeland would miss us  
But after twenty-five years we left Tokyo Bay  
California dreamin', sixteen knots all the way

September was something of which we'd never heard  
A port visit in Hawaii for all still aboard  
Oahu was great but we looked ahead with glee  
Our pending family reunions at San Diego's Pier Three

October and November you probably guessed it  
CURTIS WILBUR was new to 3rd Fleet and had to be tested  
With the Lincoln Strike Group we sailed all around  
To train, to practice, and trying not to be found

December was calm in a way unfamiliar  
To every corner of our nation the crew finally ventured  
As this year come to a close we shall be ready to meet  
Whatever challenge 2022 brings  
To the mighty steel hammer of the fleet