

# Forever Strong

a Tribute to the USS Indianapolis

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**Triumph!**  
War ends.  
"The Successful Mission." This is "Finale" Theme!

**Battlestar Sequence!**  
Slate: "What These Eyes Have Seen" Envision a Music to Picture Sequence of 10 Successful Missions...

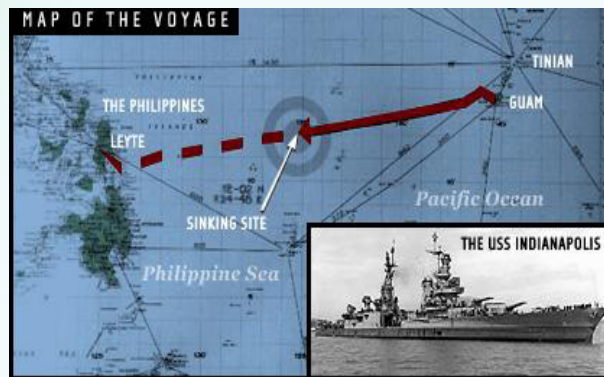
**Through the Golden Gate!**  
Noble Theme of the **USS Indianapolis**, Setting up Battles to come...

**Pearl Harbor, Sailors, Recruits at Liberty:**  
Before setting Sail...  
**Bell Bottom Trousers**

**Ship Building Sequence:**  
Establishing the **USS INDIANAPOLIS**

**Fanfare:**  
Opening Title Slate and then **STORY SCROLL** (Narration)

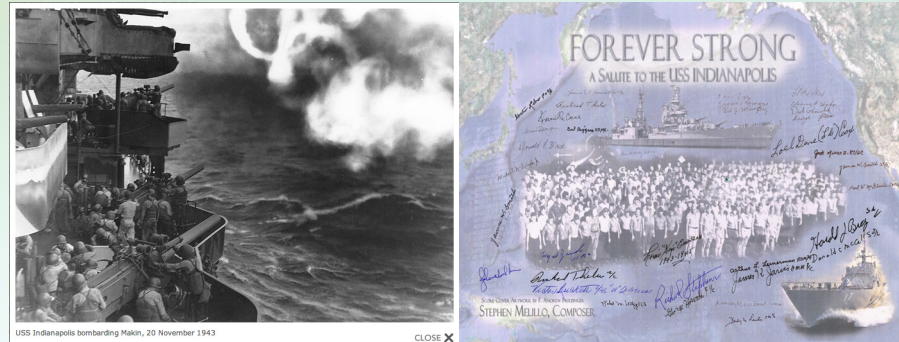
**Dedication:**  
in Black over the Horn Theme (See Story Board)



## 5 Days & 5 Nights "In the Crucible of Grace"

Following Ed Harrell's *Out of the Depths* portrayal, the 5 days and 5 nights are equally divided across approximately 9:33 of Music. This section is a "mediation" on the Sacrifices made...

"Torpedo" Music begins this sequence:  
**Eternal Father**  
(Songs & Radio Broadcasts from the 1940s)



These are the stars on that night in that location...

**Moment of Final Prayer**  
**USS DOYLE & Angelic Rescue**  
Expressionistic Imagery & Music to depict "Light of Salvation" from "The Crucible of Grace."

"Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood  
Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
And bid its angry tumult cease,  
And give, for wild confusion, peace;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea!"

**At the Moment of Angels:**  
Salvation, Rescue, Segue into...  
**ETERNAL FATHER.**

**Angel Ship:** The Heroic Horn Theme!  
Back through the **Golden Gate**, with **880** Sailors waiting on the bridge and/or a part of the **returning** **USS INDY**.

**INTENT of this Music:** To provide in Music an emotional and fulfilling "welcome home" to the crew, survived and sacrificed, of the **USS Indianapolis CA-35**. To the families of those Lost at Sea, to the Survivors of the **USS Indianapolis CA-35**, to their families, friends and all who support them, and to those currently serving in the Defense of Freedom,

The **USS Indianapolis CA-35** and 880 of her crew never **did** physically return to the Golden Gate... the one **here** that is. In Heaven and in our Hearts, the ship and her crew will always be coming home to loving, waiting arms. May this Music and the Painting serve this Mission of "**Welcome Home.**"

**"THANK YOU"**  
**Forever Strong End Credits, with the 10 BATTLES punched in Glorious Conclusion!**