They looked out their windows at the ocean that surrounds them In the service of their country, sailing to a foreign shore. Tomorrow will be Christmas, and they wish that they could be ho me.

Their wives and children need them, but their country needs the m more.

But they'll be sailing home for Christmas, sailing home for Christmas,

Where a welcome candle in the window gleams.

They'll be sailing home for Christmas, sailing home for Christmas,

Sailing home for Christmas in their dreams.

Tomorrow, they'll serve turkey and they'll sing the Christmas c arols,

They'll talk about their families, their mothers and their sons .

It's the strangest condradiction, singing songs of peace and sh aring

As they man the battle stations, hoping war will never come.

But they'll be sailing home for Christmas, sailing home for Christmas,

Where a welcome candle in the window gleams.

They'll be sailing home for Christmas, sailing home for Christmas,

Sailing home for Christmas in their dreams.

And maybe someday they won't have to be there anymore, When we all start to live the things we have Christmas for.

They'll be sailing home for Christmas, sailing home for Christmas,

Where a welcome candle in the window gleams.

They'll be sailing home for Christmas, sailing home for Christmas.

Sailing home for Christmas in their dreams.