REMEMBER THE ALAMO

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In Texas there still stands a mission
Where there was a grand decision
Made to fight for freedom long ago...
From far and near they came to fight
From thence rang out the battle cry
That echoes through our history that we know....

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A tiny garrison of men
The Alamo to defend
Was bolstered by Tennessee volunteers....
For this heroic action
Davy Crockett and his pack of men
Will be remembered all throughout the years..

The Alamo was just considered
A small outpost to defend
The southern flank of Texas we all know ....
The Mexican forces under Santa Anna soon moved north
Their first encounter was the Alamo...
Now William Barret Travis, the Commander
Wrote a letter to the people of America and Texas...
His letter asked for reinforcements
To meet Santa Anna’s forces
Victory or death were his choices..

He wrote another letter
To his son, he said America,
If saved would then provide them a great fortune
But if the country should be lost
And he should die, the savage cost
Would be assuaged, because he’d died with honor.

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For 2 weeks it looked hopeless
The small garrison the focus
Of the thousands of Santa Anna’s forces......
On March 5th a decision made by men who had a vision
That the time was here that they must make some choices....

When William Travis drew a line in the sand it was decided then
Who would go and who would stay...
Jim Bowie, Davy Crockett and James Butler Bonham were the names
Of 3 men who would die there that next day..
Jim Bowie of the bowie knife
Aware his choice was death or life
Too ill to cross that line himself, requested....
Someone to carry him across
While life was his, he knew the cost
But honor would be his, he’d not be bested.....

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187 men
Defending freedom when the day began on March 6,1836
And when the day was ended
1600 men were dead, 500 wounded
An outcome none could predict..
The Alamo survivors
Mrs. Dickinson, a nurse, a boy, a baby
All 4 lived to tell the story..
Of bravery extraordinary
Fighting men who felt the order of the day was just to die in glory...

So weeks went by
Americans now led by a great general
Sam Houston wanting to avenge the score...
Attacking Santa Anna at siesta time, his men sang out the battle cry
That history buffs adore!!!

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Yes we’ll remember (...fade)