

## Semper Paratus chords

(Always Ready)

The United States Coast Guard theme song  
Capt. Francis Van Boskerck, USCG

C7 F  
From Aztec Shore to Arctic Zone,  
C7 F  
to Europe and Far East  
C7 F A7 Dm  
The Flag is carried by our ships,  
G7 C  
in times of war and peace  
C7 F  
And never have we struck it yet,  
C7 F  
in spite of foemen's might,  
C7 F A7 Dm  
who cheered our crews and cheered again,  
F C7 F  
for showing how to fight.

C7 F  
We're always ready for the call,  
C7 F  
we place our trust in Thee.  
C7 F A7 Dm  
Through surf and storm and howling gale,  
G7 C  
high shall our purpose be  
C7 F  
"Semper Paratus" is our guide,  
C7 F  
our fame, our glory, too.  
C7 F A7 Dm  
To fight to save or fight and die!  
F C7 F  
Aye! Coast Guard, we are for you.

"Surveyor" and "Narcissus,"  
The "Eagle" and "Dispatch,"  
The "Hudson" and the "Tampa,"  
These names are hard to match;  
From Barrow's shores to Paraguay,  
Great Lakes or Ocean's wave,  
The Coast Guard fights through storms and winds  
To punish or to save.

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C7 F A7 Dm  
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F C7 F  
Aye! Coast Guard, we are for you.

Aye! We've been "Always Ready"  
To do, to fight, or die!

Write glory to the shield we wear  
In letters to the sky.  
To sink the foe or save the maimed  
Our mission and our pride.  
We'll carry on 'til Kingdom Come  
Ideals for which we've died.

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