Pride Of The White Star Line

The Longest Johns

In the Belfast yard where she was made of Harland-Wolff design
The plan was struck to build three ships that funds would not define
The gantry raised up in '08, a nameless liner rose
To make the journeys to New York in record time, and so

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May her engines never stall
Her sisters died from 'berg and mine
But she'll run for decades more
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Olympic soon became her stamp, no finer ship did sail
Smoking rooms and Turkish baths and palm trees rail to rail
As sleek and striking as could be, and speed second to none
She sailed from Portsmouth dock and showed the world how it was done

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The Hawke was running 'long her side around the Isle of Wight
A swing to starboard up and took the helmsman by surprise
Two holes were punched into her side and water flooded in
She staggered back to Portsmouth Dock and lived to sail again

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Titanic sank into the depths, Britannic joined her too
Through the wars, Olympic kept on sailing sure and true
Missions out in open sea with U-Boats in her stead
Damn near cut 'em clean in two and sank 'em to the bed

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Now every dog must have its day, and all good things must pass
Shipyards forged much bigger crafts that dwarfed her in her class
The trips were few and fares declined, the world marched on ahead
They pulled her down in Jarrow town, still striking to the end!

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