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Trial by Xerox: KHPR production director Jason Taglianetti volunteered to help at the Nov. 11 "Prairie Home Companion" broadcast.

He arrived at the Blaisdell at 7 a.m. to discover that Garrison Keillor had decided, it being Veterans Day, that the entire audience should sing "Eternal Father, Strong To Save," known as the Navy Hymn.

For the audience to sing along, it needed the words. Someone handed Taglianetti the lyrics and told him to make 2,500 copies.

Off he went to Kinko's. The closest was closed, the next told him he couldn't have them till Tuesday. At the third, the manager set up Taglianetti with two machines and had him make the copies himself.

The Navy Hymn has many alternative verses. When Taglianetti returned, bearing 2,500 copies, the show staff said, Oops, wrong version.

"You know the expression 'My heart sank'?" Taglianetti said. "Mine hit the ground and bounced a few times." He had less than two hours to show time, and the lyrics had to be inserted in every single program.

Frantic, Taglianetti returned to Kinko's, a different one this time. The manager said it couldn't be done. He said, "Just give me two machines." Done in an hour and back to the show with half an hour to spare. Volunteers stuffed the lyrics into the programs, and the entire audience sang, in unison, "Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea!"



Garrison Keillor