

## ***TAA - the beginning years***

**When those brave lads came back from war**

**They found that jobs were few**

**For flying planes and fixing planes -**

**That's what they mostly knew**

***Though men were many jobs were few***

***For those who fought and those who flew***

**But there were men of vision here**

**Who knew what they should do,**

**'We'll get these lads back in the air**

**And let them fly anew'**

**And Arthur Coles and Lester Brain**

**Were both up for the task,**

**'We'll get an airline flying soon.'**

**'Well, how?' 'Just please don't ask!'**

**This country's leaders they chose well**

**And so did Brain and Coles**

**Returning men in search of work**

**Were perfect for the roles**

**In spite of stress and challenges**

**These two were men who cared**

**For they were of determined minds**

**And would not be deterred**

**Those men with vision saw it through**

**And nought they could not fix**

**And so on that September day**

**They flew in '46**

**And whilst they faced so many trials**

**They answered every call -**

**Maintained their vision from the start -**

**An airline serving all!**

**The airline proved so durable**

**For those who fought and flew**

**Gave back those lads their sense of pride**

**And let them fly anew**

**And o'er the years the airline proved**

**That it had come to stay**

**And that it is why we're here today**

**To honour TAA!**