

Blue Skies

In blue skies he flew,
one of the few
Ducking and diving,
surviving
while those he knew

Fell

One hundred and five.
Still alive
He wondered why
Irish luck, he said
It's why I'm not dead
No...not a hero
Just a job we had to do
One of us was going to die
You had to hope
it wasn't you

Now he's gone,
the very last one
to join the few
who forever fly
In blue skies

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*A tribute to John “Paddy” Hemingway, the last Battle of Britain pilot,
“One of the Few” who died on 17th March 2025 at the age of 105.*