

Riding Four Hundred Horses

For Bridgette and Billie Jo Kies

Such a powerful
Potent mix,
Of Turbine and Kerosene,
With the power
Of four hundred horses...

Five precious lives,
And a half million dollars
Of Chopper-
Hanging through our skies...

One very young
And female Pilot,
Riding four hundred horses,
Joystick reins and throttle,
With firm and steady -
But gentle feet and hands,

Bridgette and Billie Jo,
The youngest female
Pilots
In our land.

Such awesome power!

Such powerful,
Beautiful,
Intelligent women...

Teaching our younger girls,
Even *they* can ride

Four hundred horses.

Tim Barritt.
With thanks to
Barossa Helicopters.
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