The General

Dispatch

There was a decorated General with a heart of gold
That likened him to all the stories he told
Of past battles won and lost
And legends of old

A seasoned veteran in his own timeOn the battlefield he gained respectful fame With many medals of bravery and stripes to his name

He grew a beard as soon as he could to cover the scars on his face
And always urged his men onBut on the eve of a great battle with the infantry in dream
The Old General tossed in his sleep and wrestled with its meaning

He awoke from the night to tell what he had seen

And walked slowly out of his tent

All the men held tall with their chests in the air

With the courage in their blood and a fire in their stare and it was a gray morning and they all wondered how they would fare

Till the old general told them to go homeHe said, "I have seen the others

And I have discovered

That this fight is not worth fighting

And I've seen their mothers

And I will no other to follow me where I'm going

SoTake a shower and shine your shoes

You got no time to lose

You are young men you must be living

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Go now you are forgiven"

But the men stood fast with their guns on their shoulders Not knowing what to do with the contradicting orders

The General said he would do his own duty but he would extend it no further The men can go as they pleasedBut not a man moved their eyes gazed straight ahead

Till one by one they stepped back and not a word was said

And the old general was left with his own words echoing in his head

He then prepared to fightHe said, "I have seen the others

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Go ooo ooooooooGo now you are forgiven
Go now you are forgiven
Go now you got to be,
got to be, got to be,
got to be yeaaaaa

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