The Great Unknown

Elvis Costello & The Attractions

They took old Danny Boy for a ride From the arms of his bride to be Threw him into the murky waters By the dog biscuit factory Quick dry the tears and stifle cheers As he sinks just like a stone Footprints set in sentimental cement Now burden down his bones Lest we forget Here lies the Great unknown My my my Delilah Who's the butcher that you harbour Take the rich man to the cleaners And the strong man to the barber From her face down to her torso Sort of gruesome only more so Hooks and eyes, fingers and thumbs Ladies and gentlemen here she comes The Great unknownWhere shall we sing At a wedding or a wake Whose name shall we cherish And for whose sake Now this year's cannon fodder Tell the future general's jokes They were keeping the home fires burning As we slipped out for a smoke Though the VIP's sang "Wooden Heart" The band played "Hearts of Oak" (Chorus) And here comes the day I shall perish all alone Say here lies the Great unknown

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