

# Commonwealth Boys

## Pete Townshend

Don't ever call me a man  
I'll decide for myself to tell you what I am  
Don't want to be called a boy know more  
Cause boys fill the trenches in imperialist warDon't ever call me a queen  
Victorian values just ain't the scene  
Don't want to be held responsible for you  
To blame you for the future and the history tooWe are the Commonwealth boys  
South African village and Jamaican toys  
Born to create but trained to destroy  
And I am a Commonwealth boyDon't ask if I'm a respectable force  
I'm a ineffectual, intellectual of course  
You would not up stand a really pretentious fool  
I became aware in the care of a waitresses' schoolDon't even call me a friend of the post  
The fox holes have fallen and the cemeteries closed  
And I've been slaving down on charity farm  
Livin' like a socialist with blood on my armWe are the Commonwealth youths  
From Thunder and Turnside were looking for jobs  
Born to create but doomed to destroy  
I am a Commonwealth boyYeah, don't ever call me a man  
I'll decide for myself what I am  
Don't want to be a boy know more  
Cause boys fill the trenches in imperialist warDon't ever call me a queen  
Victorian values just ain't my scene  
Don't want to be responsible for you  
We blame you for the future and the history tooDon't ever call me a man  
I'll decide when my life ends  
I'm a boy, I'm a boy, don't you tell the fairies  
I'm a boy, I'm a boy but my mother would not admit it

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