

Baby Joined the Army

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Lt was on a Friday evening wasn't nobody 'round
I was sitting by my window watching the sun go down
My baby came up to me saying daddy I got news for you
I have been recruited and there ain't nothing you can do
Cause I can 't stand sitting, round this crazy town no more
Not since the little baby shot dead down on the second floor
And what about that poor old lady crippled in a police raid
They told me if I get killed in battle I still get paid
When the train pulled out next morning I just stood and waived bye bye
My baby joined the army wasn 't nothing I could do but cry
There was a time there was a dance that I used to do
There was a dream that was working I had other plans for you
His family and his pride is all a man like me has left
Better watch your back better take care of yourself
When the train pulled out next morning no precious child was left behind
My baby joined the army, wasn't nothing I could do but cry
Some day people will look back and say
That was a time when peace didn't declare
But I won't be around watching the evening sun go down

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