

The Big Battle

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I think sir the battle is over
And the young soldier laid down his gun
I'm tired of running for cover
I'm certain the battle is doneOr see over there where we fought them
It's quiet for they've all gone away
All left is the dead and the dying
The blue lying alongside the graySo you think the battle is over
And you even lay down your gun
You carelessly rise from you cover
For you think the battle is doneNow boy hit the dirt listen to me
For I'm still the one in command
Get flat on the ground here beside me
And lay your ear hard to the sandCan you hear the deafening rumble?
Can you feel the trembling ground?
It's not just the horses and wagons
That make such a deafening soundFor every shot fired had an echo
And every man killed wanted life
There lies your friend Jim McCany
Can you take the news to his wifeNo son the battle's not over
The battle has only begun
The rest of the battle will cover
The part that has blackened the sunThe fight yet to come's not with cannon
Nor will the fight be hand to hand
No one will regroup the forces
No charge will a general commandThe battle will rage in the bosom
Of mother and sweetheart and wife
Brother and sister and daughter
Will grieve for the rest of their livesNow go ahead rise from your cover
Be thankful that God let you live
Go fight the rest of the battle
For those who gave all they could giveI see sir the battle's not over
The battle has only begun
The rest of this battle will cover
This part that has blackened the sunFor though there's no sound of the cannon
And though there's no smoke in he sky
I'm dropping the gun and the saber
And ready for the battle am I

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