The General

The Limeliters

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 respectable 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 tentAll the men held tall with their chests in the air
With courage in their blood and a fire in their stare
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"So take a shower and shine your shoes you got no time to lose
You are young men you must be living, yeah
Take a shower and shine your shoes you got no time to lose
You are young men you must be living, go now you are forgivenBut 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 could 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 and I have discovered
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