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 That this fight is not worth fighting

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