Draft Dodger Rag

Phil Ochs

I'm just a typical American boy
From a typical American town
I believe in God and Senator Dodd
And an keepin' old Castro downAnd when it came my time to serve
I knew better dead than red
But when I got to my old draft board
Buddy, this is what I saidSarge, I'm only eighteen, I got a ruptured spleen
And I always carry a purse
I got eyes like a bat, and my feet are flat
My asthma's getting worseConsider my career, my sweetheart dear
My poor old invalid aunt
Besides, I ain't no fool, and I'm goin' to school
And I'm workin' in a defense plantI've got a dislocated disc and a racked up back
I'm allergic to flowers and bugs
And when the bombshell hits, I get epileptic fits
And I'm addicted to a thousand drugsI got the weakness woes, I can't touch my toes
I can hardly reach my knees
And if the enemy ever came close to me
Well, I'd probably start to sneezeSarge, I'm only eighteen, I got a ruptured spleen
And I always carry a purse
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And I'm workin' in a defense plantI hate Chou En Lai, and I hope he dies
But I think you gotta see
That if someone's gotta go over there
That someone isn't meSo, have a ball, Sarge, watch 'em fall
Yeah, kill me a thousand or so
And if you ever get a war without any gore
Well, I'll be the first to goSarge, I'm only eighteen, I got a ruptured spleen
And I always carry a purse
I got eyes like a bat, and my feet are flat
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I got to water my rubber tree plant
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