

The Albion Band

"How Many Miles To Babylon?"

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How many miles to Babylon?
Three score and ten.
Can I get there by candle-light?
There and back again.
If your feet be nimble,
If your tread be light,
You'll get there and back again
All by candle-light.

Daddy's gone a-soldiering
Far across the sea.
When will he come back again
Back to you and me?

If the winds are willing,
If moon shines bright,
That's when he'll come back again
All by candle-light.

Fingers at the window-pane;
Footsteps in the wood;
The scent of dust on summer rain;
Shadows on the wall.

While the wind calls softly,
While the moon shines bright,
Like a phantom there he stands
In the candle-light.

The sand is in your yellow hair;
The sun has scorched your skin.
Your uniform so fine and fair
The wars have worn it thin.

If your heart is willing,
If the time is right,
Say you'll never leave again
Lie by me tonight.

Come see there's little left of me
But longing for my love,

And to see the child I never saw
I thank the stars above.

Weary of the killing,
Ravaged by the fight;
I must go before the dawn
Snuffs the candle light.

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