

Bamboo

"General"

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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 time
On the battlefield he gained respectful 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 on

But on the eve of 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 tent

All the men held tall with their chests in the air
With a courage in their blood
And a fire in their stare
It was a grey morning and they all wondered how they
would fare
'Til the old general told them to go home

He 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've got no time to lose
You are young men, you must be living
Take a shower and shine your shoes
You've got no time to lose
You are young men, you must be living
Go now, you are forgiven."

Yeah...

But 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 pleased
But not a man moved
Their eyes gazed straight ahead
'Til one by one they stepped back and not a word was
said
The old general was left with his own words
Echoing in his head
He then prepared to fight

He said,
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And I have discovered
That this fight is not worth fighting
No, and I've seen their mothers
And I will no other to follow me where I'm going
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You are young men, you must be living
Take a shower and shine your shoes
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You are young men, you must be living
Go now, you are forgiven."

Yeah...

Go now, you are forgiven
Go now, you are forgiven
Go now, you are forgiven
Go

Go now, you are forgiven
Go now, you are forgiven
Go now, you are forgiven
Go oh

Go now, you are forgiven
Go now, you are forgiven
Go now, you got to be, got to be, got to be, got to be,
got to be, yeah

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