

Chiquititas

"Khe Sanh"

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I left my heart to the sappers round Khe Sanh
And I sold my soul with my cigarettes to the
blackmarket man
I've had the Vietnam cold turkey
From the ocean to the Silver City
And it's something only vets could understand

About the long forgotten dockside guarantees
How there were no V-day heroes in 1973
And how we sailed into Sydney Harbour
Saw an old friend but couldn't kiss her
She was lined, and I was home to the lucky land

And she was like so many more from that time on
Their lives were all so empty, until they found their
chosen one
And their legs were often open
But their minds were always closed
And their hearts were held in fast suburban chains

And the legal pads were yellow, hours long, paypacket
lean
And the telex writers clattered where the gunships
once had been
And car parks make me jumpy
And I never stopped the dreams
Or the growing need for speed and novacaine

So I worked across the country from end to end
Tried to find a place to settle down, where my mixed up
life could mend
Held a job on an oil-rig
Flying choppers when I could
But the nightlife nearly drove me round the bend

And I've travelled round the world from year to year
Each one found me aimless, one more year the worst
for wear
And I've been back to South East Asia
You know the answer sure ain't there
But I'm drifting north, to check things out again

Well the last plane out of Sydney's almost gone
Only seven flying hours, and I'll be landing in Hong
Kong
And there ain't nothing like the kisses
From a jaded Chinese princess
I'm gonna hit some Hong Kong mattress all night long

Well the last plane out of Sydney's almost gone
You know the last plane out of Sydney's almost gone
And it's really got me worried
I'm goin' nowhere and I'm in a hurry
You know the last plane out of Sydney's almost gone

Well the last plane out of Sydney's almost gone (yeah,
yeah)
You know the last plane out of Sydney's almost gone
And it's really got me worried
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