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## **Gene Pitney** "Maria Elena"

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There's a cottage, In the village,

In the country, I have learned to love,

And every night the curfew rings,

And people sing their prayers to heaven above.

In the cottage there lives a girl,

Who crying for she can see,

Soldiers marching away to war,

They're fighting, to be free.

Maria Elena, I'm going away to war,

I'm going to fight I may not to back again,

Maria Elena, I love you forever more,

Please say it's alright you'll stay by my side til dawn.

(Instrumental)

I remember moonlit nights,

And dancing in the streets til break of day,

Yes I remember how it was,

No-one would seperate us come what may.

Like a dream it desolves away,

And morning will soon be here,

Revolution has come our way,

I'm warning, you now dear.

(Repeat twice)

Maria Elena, I'm going away to war,

I'm going to fight I may not to back again,

Maria Elena, I love you forever more,

Please say it's alright you'll stay by my side til dawn.

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