Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band "Long Way Back Home"

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From the railhead to the boatyard From the factory to the farm From the mines to the millhouse I've weathered the storm From the bar room to the bedpost I've wasted my days All I have is my drink And the time left to think While time slips away Just look at my face As you tell me goodbye You'll see what I'm after By the look in my eye Just walk away And leave me alone It's a long way back home

Now in case you should ask me
What it is that I've done
Well I say I'm a soldier
Who once had a son
But my son doesn't know me
That's his right to choose
Oh say can you see
My best friend is me
I'm a friend I could use

Just look at my face
As you tell me goodbye
You'll see what I'm after
By the look in my eye
Just walk away
And leave me alone
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Now the pages have faded The story grows cold And the plot falls to ashes Like the ruins of old Those rats in my rafters They're after my shoes And anything else They can find on the shelf I've said they could use

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