

Graham Parker "Short Memories"

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Pre>(1992 by graham parker, submitted by kirk anderson) (kanderso@wheatonma.edu)

Da

They took their kids in their teenage years

Dg

Fitted them out with combat gear,

Da bm g

Filled their hearts with mortal fear and sent them away

Da

Some came home their pants in creases

Dg

Some came home in bits and pieces

Da g d

The president made a lot of speeches and went fishing for the day

Da d g

'cause they have short memories, they forget it all so quickly

Da bm g

They have short memories, now it's gone

Da d g

They have short memories, it disappears just like quicksilver

Da g d

They have short memories, now it's gone

My daddy was in nicosea, egypt and north korea

He came back to a good career, shovelling coal

I was just the village lout I never got my finger out

I never wanted for anything still I broke and entered and stole

[bridge]

Em

You can't stop a train or catch the rain drops

Da g

As they come falling

Em

Sure there'll be another war

Da

Sure as sure the call-up will come calling

D a

They took their kids in their teenage years

D g

Gave them a God that they could fear

D a b m g

Said they could kill but not drink beer

B m g

And sent them away

D a

Some came home in a body bag

D g

Some came home wrapped in a flags

D a g d

And on each toe there hung a tag saying there'll be
more someday

[repeat first chorus]

G e m d

...now it's gone, now it's gone, now it's gone /pre>

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