

## **Carbon Leaf "Toy Soldiers"**

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Today I strike out on my own  
The dog is dead, the kids have grown  
I fell asleep in my writing chair  
I dreamt, I'd found my childhood stare

To family dinner Christmas night  
We'd cross the river shipyard lights  
Before the heartbreak and unknown  
Today I strike out on my own

Hi-diddely-o, didn't ya know?  
You fade once you glow  
Didn't ya know, child?  
After the rhyme, high time

Diddely-o, didn't you know?  
You fade once you glow  
Didn't ya know, child?  
After the rhyme, high time

The families gather but we're all  
Mere shadows in this Banquet Hall  
I'm beggin' mom, will you understand  
I'm beggin' dad, will you hold her hand  
To play outside was all I'd known  
And Christmas lights on every home

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We find the people of our dreams  
We find that they're not what they seem  
I've learned that people come and go  
I've learned that families break and grow

Toy soldiers brave away those tears  
Toy soldiers hope for better years  
Today I strike out on my own  
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