John Prine "Take The Star Out Of The Window"

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Robert was a sailor For the best years of his life His captain was his mother And the ocean was his wife

Only fresh out of the cradle Life's one and only spring He was sworn to do his duty And got blood on his high school ring

And it's hello California Hello, dad and mom Ship ahoy, your baby boy Is home from Vietnam

Don't you ask me any questions 'Bout the medals on my chest Take the star out of the window And let my conscience take a rest

Now he sailed across the ocean To the old far eastern war And it was foreign to his body It was foreign to his shore

So he traded in the present For the better times he'd seen And made an oriental waitress His own home comin' queen

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