

Kingston Trio "Farewell Captain"

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The bravest in command
Goodbye to all the soldiers
Who didn't give a damn

For we're goin' back to Richmond
Buddy, leavin' here today
Gonna sell our rifles for a jug
And get drunk along the way

'Twas in Virginia harbor
Gen'ral Parker disappeared
Tied sleeping soundly to a tree

How we wept as we launched him
And so cheerfully we cheered
As the Gen'ral drifted slowly out to sea

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At the battle of Manassas
I had my certain chance
To bravely fight the red and white and blue

I was so blasted brave
I stuck branches in my pants
And, yes, I played a tree 'til it was through

Please don't think that we are cowards
What a horrible suggestion
It's just that we don't feel that we belong

Bobby misses his dear mother
John has acid indigestion

And I think I feel a migraine coming on

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Farewell to you, Captain
We're goin' to leave you now

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