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## **Richard Lloyd** "Soldier Blue"

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He was only seventeen when the letter came in the mail From the local draft board saying you've got a choice. Jloin the army or you go to jail. As he packed his bags, his mother wept saying: "Daddy don't you think it's a shame?" "No, I think it will make him a man." Eleven weeks of boot camp got you doing situps in the day and the night. Then they ship you out on a boat and they say you are ready to fight. Soldier Blue Soldier Blue Soldier Blue Soldier Blue Have your breakfast in a Saigon street. Where the heroin is so strong. It makes the killing sweet. Pretty soon you can do no wrong. Soldier Blue Soldier Blue So they send you off on night patrol. Put a carbine in your hand. Tely ou not to shoot yourself. You're supposed to shoot the Vietnam. Soldier Blue Soldier Blue Soldier Blue Soldier Blue Take a look at my friend Charlie. He's go tho hands, no legs, no feet. Now they've got him selling pencils on the corner. Boys, he begging in the street. Sa I call up my Congressman. Saying Mister I have a complaint. Why are we losing all our boys in the war? When are we going to learn some restraint? Soldier Blue Soldier Blue Soldier Blue Soldier Blue

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