

## **The Decemberists**

### **"Sixteen Military Wives"**

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Sixteen military wives  
Thirty-two softly focused brightly colored eyes  
Staring at the natural tan  
Of thirty-two gently clenching wrinkled little hands  
Seventeen company men  
Out of which only twelve will make it back again  
Sergeant sent a letter to five  
Military wives, his tears drip down to ten little eye

Cheer them on to their rivals  
Cause America can, and America can't say no  
And America does, if America says it's so  
It's so

And the anchorperson on TV goes...  
La de da de da

Fifteen celebrity mimes  
Leaving their fifteen sorted wretched checkered lives  
Will they find the solution in time  
Using their fifteen pristine moderate liberal minds?

Eighteen academy chairs  
Out of which only seven really even care  
Doling out a garment to five  
Celebrity mimes, they're humbly taken by surprise

Cheer them on to their rivals  
Cause America can, and America can't say no  
And America does, if America says it's so  
It's so

And the anchorperson on TV goes...  
La de da de da de-dadedade-da  
La de da de da de-dadedade-da

Fourteen cannibal kings  
Wondering blindly what the dinner bell will bring  
Fifteen celebrity mimes  
Served on a leafy bed th sixteen military wives

Cheer them on to their rivals

Cause America can, and America can't say no  
And America does, if America says it's so  
It's so

And the anchorperson on TV goes...  
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