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### "Come All Ye Southern Soldiers"

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#### COME ALL YE SOUTHERN SOLDIERS

Come all ye Southern Soldiers, come listen unto me  
I'll tell you of some trouble that happened unto me;  
When I was the age of sixteen I joined the jolly band  
I marched from eastern Tennessee to the old Virginia  
land.

Our captain did inform me, perhaps he thought it right,  
Before we reached Manassas he said we'd have to  
fight.

I heard the Yankee coming, I heard them give  
command;  
To arms, to arms, they shouted, and by your colours  
stand.

I saw the smoke descending, I thought it reached the  
sky,  
The very next thought come over me, now is my time to  
die.

I saw the rifles glittering, the bullets round me fell,  
Such feeling as came over me no mortal tongue can  
tell.

There's nine brave Texas soldiers as ever trod the  
West  
Was buried by the colours with bullets in their breasts.  
We fought for nine long hours before the strife was  
o'er,  
The like of dead and wounded I never saw before.

Perhaps you have a mother, likewise a sister too ,  
And maybe you have a sweetheart to weep and mourn  
for you.

If such be your condition, although you like to roam,  
I'll tell you by experience you'd better stay at home.

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