

## Berlin Irving

### "What Can You Do With A General?"

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When the war was over, why, there were jobs galore  
For the G.I. Josephs who were in the war  
But for generals things were not so grand  
And it's not so hard to understand

What can you do with a general  
When he stops being a general?  
Oh, what can you do with a general who retires?

Who's got a job for a general  
When he stops being a general?  
They all get a job but a general no one hires

They fill his chest with medals while he's across the  
foam  
And they spread the crimson carpet when he comes  
marching home  
The next day someone hollers when he comes into view  
"Here comes the general" and they all say "General  
who?"

They're delighted that he came  
But they can't recall his name

Nobody thinks of assigning him  
When they stop wining and dining him  
It seems this country never has enjoyed  
So many one and two and three and four star generals  
Unemployed

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