

## **Decemberists, The**

### **"16 By 32"**

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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 sends a letter to five military wives

His tears drip down from ten little eyes

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-di-da-di-da

Fifteen celebrity minds

Leading their fifteen sordid, wretched checkered lives

Will they find their solution in time?

Using fifteen pristine moderate liberal minds

Eighteen academy chairs

Out of which only seven really even care

Doling out a garland to five

Celebrity minds, 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-di-da-di-da-didi-didi-da  
La-di-da-di-da-didi-didi-da  
Fourteen cannibal kings  
Wondering blithely what the dinner bell will bring  
Fifteen celebrity minds  
Served in a leafy bed of 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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