

# The General

## Dispatch

[Verse 1]

There was a decorated general with a heart of gold  
That likened him to all the stories he told  
Of past battles won and lost, and legends of old  
A seasoned veteran in his own time

On the battlefield, he gained respectful fame  
With many medals of bravery and stripes to his name  
He grew a beard as soon as he could to cover the scars on his face  
And always urged his men on

[Verse 2]

But on the eve of a great battle with the infantry in dream  
The old general tossed in his sleep and wrestled with its meaning  
He awoke from that night to tell what he had seen  
And walked slowly out of his tent

All the men held tall with their chests in the air  
With courage in their blood and a fire in their stare  
And it was a grey morning and they all wondered how they would fare  
Till the old general told them to go home

[Chorus]

He said, "I have seen the others, and I have discovered  
That this fight is not worth fighting  
And I've seen their mothers  
And I will no other  
To follow me where I'm going

So take your shower, shine your shoes, you got no time to lose  
You are young and you must be living  
So take your shower, shine your shoes, you got no time to lose  
You are young and you must be living  
Go now, you are forgiven"

[Post-Chorus]

Yeah

[Verse 3]

But the men stood fast with their guns on their shoulders

Not knowing what to do with their contradicting orders  
The general said he would do his own duty but he would extend it no further  
The men could go as they pleased

But not a man moved, their eyes gazed straight ahead  
Till one by one they stepped back, and not a word was said  
And the old general was left with his own words echoing in his head  
He then prepared to fight

[Chorus]

He said, "I have seen the others, and I have discovered  
That this fight is not worth fighting  
And I've seen their mothers  
And I will no other  
To follow me where I'm going

[Outro]

Go now, you are forgiven  
Go now, you are forgiven  
Go now, you are forgiven  
Go

Go now, you are forgiven  
Go now, you are forgiven  
Go now, you are forgiven  
Yeah-ee-yeah!

Go now, you are forgiven  
Go now, you are forgiven  
Go now, you got to be, got to be, got to be  
Hay-ay-ee-yay"

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