

Goodnight Saigon

Billy Joel

Dm **Dm7** **C**
We met as soul mates on Parris Island,
Dm **Dm7** **C**
we left as inmates from an asylum.
Em **Am** **Em** **Am**
And we were sharp, as sharp as knives
Dm **Dm/C** **G** **C G**
and we were so gung-ho to lay down our lives.

Dm **Dm7** **C**
We came in spastic like tameless horses,
Dm **Dm7** **C**
we left in plastic as numbered corpses.
Em **Am** **Em** **Am**
And we learned fast to travel light,
Dm **C** **B** **G** **Dm** **G**
our arms were heavy but our bellies were tight.

Dm **Dm7** **C**
We had no home front, we had no soft soap.
Dm **Dm7** **C**
They sent us Playboy, they gave us Bob Hope.
Em **Am** **Em** **Am**
We dug in deep and shot on sight
Dm **F** **G** **C G**
and prayed to Jesus Christ with all of our might.

Dm **Dm7** **C**
We had no cameras to shoot the landscape
Dm **Dm7** **C**
we passed the hash pipe and played our Doors tapes.
Em **Am** **Em** **Am**
And it was dark, so dark at night
Dm **Dm/C**
and we held on to each other, like brother to brother,
B **F6/A** **G**
we promised our mothers we'd write.

F **B** **C** **C7**
And we would all go down together,
F **B** **C** **C7**
we said we'd all go down together,
F **B** **G** **F Dm C**
yes, we would all go down together.

Dm **Dm7** **C**
Remember Charlie, remember Baker,
Dm **Dm7** **C**
they left their childhood on every acre.
Em **Am** **Em** **Am**
And who was wrong? And who was right?
Dm **C** **B** **G**
It didn't matter in the thick of the fight.

Am **Em** **C** **Dm** **E** **Dm** **Dm7** **E**
We held the day in the palm of our hand.
Am **Em** **C** **Dm** **E** **Dm** **C+**

They ruled the night and the night seemed to last

E C E Dm Dm7 C

as long as six weeks on Parris Island.

Dm Dm7 C

We held the coastline, they held the highlands,

Em Am Em Am

and they were sharp, as sharp as knives,

Dm Dm/C

they heard the hum of motors, they counted the rotors

B F6/A G

and waited for us to arrive.

F B C C7

And we would all go down together,

F B C C7

we said we'd all go down together,

F B G F Dm B

yes, we would all go down together.

G F Dm B