

The General

Bamboo

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 bravely urged his men on

But on the eve of a great battle, with the infantry in dream
The old general tossed in his sleep and wrestled with it's meaning
He awoke from the 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 a courage in their blood and a fire in their stare
It was a gray morning and they wondered how they would fare
'Til the old general told them to go home

He said

Bridge:

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,

Chorus:

Take a shower and shine your shoes
You got no time to lose, you're a young man you must be living
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You got no time to lose, you're a young man you must be living
Go now, you are forgiven

Verse 2:

But the men stood fast with their guns on their shoulders
Not knowing what to do with the 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
'Til 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

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Yeah