

# Draft Dodger Rag

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I'm just a typical American boy  
From a typical American town  
I believe in God and Senator Dodd  
And an keepin' old Castro down

And when it came my time to serve  
I knew better dead than red  
But when I got to my old draft board  
Buddy, this is what I said

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And I always carry a purse  
I got eyes like a bat, and my feet are flat  
My asthma's getting worse

Consider my career, my sweetheart dear  
My poor old invalid aunt  
Besides, I ain't no fool, and I'm goin' to school  
And I'm workin' in a defense plant

I've got a dislocated disc and a racked up back  
I'm allergic to flowers and bugs  
And when the bombshell hits, I get epileptic fits  
And I'm addicted to a thousand drugs

I got the weakness woes, I can't touch my toes  
I can hardly reach my knees  
And if the enemy ever came close to me  
Well, I'd probably start to sneeze

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I hate Chou En Lai, and I hope he dies  
But I think you gotta see  
That if someone's gotta go over there  
That someone isn't me

So, have a ball, Sarge, watch 'em fall  
Yeah, kill me a thousand or so  
And if you ever get a war without any gore  
Well, I'll be the first to go

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I got to water my rubber tree plant

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