

Robe of White

The Louvin Brothers

The Postman knocked and waited for her sweet face to appear
A face that showed her heart was full of joy,
In the cottage doorway smiling through her tears
Each time he brought a message from her boy

Her calloused hands were trembling,
The postman noticed too
That her sweet and anxious face was white
Would this be the letter that she had waited for,
And would it tell her that he was alright

I'm sorry said the postman, I must ask you to sign
This little book that I have brought along
You see this letter's registered, he slowly bowed his head
And then she knew that there was something wrong

The address on the corner, of this envelope of blue
Told her that her darling son was dead
where Jimmy's name and number,
had always been before,
His captain's name was written there instead