

## Ballad of Balad

Toby Keith

Well I quit school in the tenth grade and I grew out my hair.  
I got me a job doin' lawn mower repair. I met an army  
Recruiter down at the Winn-Dixie.  
He said son you've no future, pack up and go with me.

Well the first place we landed was a base called Balad.  
They convoyed our asses to a 10 acre faub.  
With my boots and my cover and an old M-16,  
Two bottle of water and a cold M-R-E.

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We'll show you the world and we'll teach you a trade.  
It's not a job, it's an adventure.  
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t at.

The first night in combat we went on patrol.  
The ambushed our convoy and we chased the assholes.  
We found them all hidin' in the water ditches.  
Took aim and killed all them son of a bitches.

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Walked in on my buddy with a female marine.  
Ugliest woman that you've ever seen.  
He said why are you laughin', you've got lots of nerve.  
Over here in the desert, we grade on the curve.

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(Then the Marines come in)

"Oh you never told me we'd get his ass shot at.