

## The Flag

### Barenaked Ladies

The phone rings, it's early, it's seven o'clock.  
He says sorry I woke you, but I just had to talk  
You know last night, remember when I tried to choke you?  
I didn't mean it, I was drunk, it was only a joke.  
You should know that by now,  
when the chequered flag comes down,  
no one no one no one has won the race.

The next night he's over and over and under  
and after he's finished she lies there and wonders  
just why does she need him and why does she stay here  
and then in the darkness she'll quietly say Dear,  
you've never really known that when the white flag is flown,  
no one no one no one has won the war.

They're complicated people  
leading complicated lives,  
and he complicates their problems  
by telling complicated lies  
He tells her he's sorry, she tells him it's over,  
he tells her he's sorry, she says over and over  
You've never really known that when the white flag is flown,  
no one no one no one has won the war.

There goes a forest and there goes a bluebird  
There goes a partridge and there goes a Go Train  
There goes an angel and there goes a steeple  
There goes a cop car and there goes an eagle  
There goes a raven and there go the ribbons  
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There goes a raven and there go

The ribbons the ribbons the ribbons  
The ribbons of the flag.