

The Fighting Line

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It had to be me of all the ones to choose
The way my luck is going, I always seem to lose
They're sending me to the fighting line
I hope the Army don't leave me dead in my grave

Hey give me a pen, I'll do the paperwork
I'm the typewriter king, I'd make a damn good clerk
Don't put me on the fighting line
Cause I won't give you my life just to throw away

They've given me furlough till they take me away
But there's not enough time when you want to stay
Soon it's off to the fighting line
And I'll be waiting and writing home every day

It's a little too long to live on borrowed time
While they're having their peace talks, they're killing friends
of mine
I'll be running from the fighting line
If it's gonna mean I'll be walking out of here alive