

## The Women Were Watching

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They saw the flags, it didn't look so bad  
They heard the news and how we could not lose  
And they sang with the marching band  
The sailors' wives with anxious eyes  
But it impressed them too  
They even cheered up as the ships pulled clear  
And though it was no-one's fault  
That men went off to war  
I saw a thousand faces all along the shore...  
The women were watching  
So no-one thought of turning back  
He didn't fight for his country's pride  
His life was sold cos it was better than the dole  
He even waved as they sent him away  
But something's changed - no this is not a game  
She held his hand and it was cold and damp  
She couldn't hide from the feelings inside  
Cos in the storm the night before  
She heard him calling... goodbye goodbye goodbye  
Won't you give me a smile  
I could be gone for a long long while  
And though it was no-one's fault  
That he had to go to war  
Among a thousand faces all along the shore  
A woman was watching  
He never thought of turning back