

# The General

Bamboo

Verse 1:

There was a decorated general with a heart of gold  
That likened him to all the stories he told  
Of past battles won and lost and legends of old  
A seasoned veteran in his own time

On the battlefield, he gained respectful fame  
With many medals of bravery and stripes to his name  
He grew a beard as soon as he could to cover the scars on his face  
And bravely urged his men on

But on the eve of a great battle, with the infantry in dream  
The old general tossed in his sleep and wrestled with it's meaning  
He awoke from the night to tell what he had seen  
And walked slowly out of his tent

All the men held tall with their chests in the air  
With a courage in their blood and a fire in their stare  
It was a gray morning and they wondered how they would fare  
'Til the old general told them to go home

He said

Bridge:

I have seen the others, and I have discovered  
That this fight is not worth fighting  
And I've seen their mothers, and I will no other  
To follow me where I'm going  
So,

Chorus:

Take a shower and shine your shoes  
You got no time to lose, you're a young man you must be living  
Take a shower and shine your shoes  
You got no time to lose, you're a young man you must be living  
Go now, you are forgiven

Verse 2:

But the men stood fast with their guns on their shoulders  
Not knowing what to do with the contradicting orders  
The general said he would do his own duty, but he would extend it no further

The men could go as they pleased

But not a man moved, their eyes gazed straight ahead  
'Til one by one they stepped back and not a word was said  
And the old general was left with his own words echoing in his head  
He then prepared to fight

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Go

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Go now you got to be, got to be, got to be, got to be, got to be

Yeah