They come to town when the war is over Dirty boots in the middle of the night Trolling the bars, hitting on the soldiers Boys give it up without a fight They say, "Hey, boy, how about your place? I know you really want to take me home" Drop the bags off on the bedroom floor They make love with the lights on, saying

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I'm going to treat you kind
I'm going to rob you blind
I'll smile all the time
Whoa yeah, whoa yeah, whoa yeah

Sally could have had any one of the boys
But she couldn't love no one she could not control
Friend of mine and her got married
I don't hear too much from him anymore
Last I heard, he had a rope 'round his neck
Dragging around the grocery store
Carrying her bags and pushing down the aisles
Saying, "I ain't got no home in this world anymore"

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They come to town when the party's over Books been written and truths been tried They'll take it all if the door's left open Steal the nose right from under your eyes

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