

## Josephine

Joey + Rory

I'm writing this letter, my darling, from high on the hill  
We've been marching ten days and we're just outside Hopkinsville  
It's been snowing all night and we ain't got no more kerosene  
It's colder than hell, hope you're doin' well, Josephine

There's a fever in camp and our boys are too sick to fight  
We done lost old Calvin, Beaver won't make it through the night  
I hope I heard the captain say it's the worst he's ever seen  
I'm losin' some weight but I'm still standin' up straight, Josephine

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Bet they've grown a foot since they waved me goodbye at the door  
Tell mama and daddy I'm alright and just want one more thing  
I love you, I love you, I love you, Josephine

There's three thousand union troops camped at the river below  
There's six hundreds of us, least there was two nights ago  
When Erwin deserted they hung him down by the tree  
God I'm so scared, keep me in your prayers, Josephine

Well the orders come down, we'll attack tonight at nightfall  
If we can stop them right here we can win this war once and for all  
You know, I killed a union boy last week, bet he wasn't fourteen  
He looked just like our son, forgive me for what I've done, Josephine

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And lastly my darling, in case I should be killed  
Don't breathe me too long, promise me that you will  
Marry another, don't let him treat our babies mean  
When he's holding you, would you think of me too, Josephine?

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