Joe's Been a Gettin' There

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There was a Yankee Colonel In 1862 Who fell in Love with a Southern Belle Where the Sweet Magnolia Bloom He wondered why folks laughed at him When He went riding by But little did he know that she was A-courting on the side

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He walked her up the mountain He named it to her there He offered her a band of gold And his name to share She said that she would marry him And even set the day But little did he know that She loved a soldier boy in grey

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She took the love he offered She took his silver too She took every little thing from Colonel dressed in blue She wouldn't let him hold her In a fond embrace and When he tried to kiss his bride She laughed right in his face

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He woke up one morning And found himself alone And all she left was a letter That said: "Good-bye, farewell, I'm gone" No doubt he was a mighty man Where the heroes fell But all is fair in love and war And he lost his southern belle

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