

# Men

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When a ship is sinking and they lower the lifeboats  
And hand out the life jackets, the men keep on their coats  
The women and the children are the ones who must go first  
And the men who try to save their skins are cowards and are cursed

Every man's a captain, men know how to drown  
Man the lifeboats if there's room, otherwise go down

And it's the same when there's a war on: it's the men who go to fight  
Women and children are civilians, when they're killed it's not right  
Men kill men in uniform, it's the way war goes  
When they run they're cowards, when they stay they are heroes

Every man's a general, men go off to war  
The battlefields a man's world, cannon fodder's what they're for

It's the men who have the power, it's the men who have the might  
And the world's a place of horror because each man thinks he's right  
A man's home is his castle so the family let him in  
But what's important in that kingdom is the women and the children

A husband and a father, every man's a king  
But he's really just a drone, gathers no honey, has no sting  
Have pity on the general, the king, and the captain  
They know they're expendable, after all they're men