Draft Dodger Rag

I'm just a typical American boy From a typical American town I believe in God and Senator Dodd And an keepin' old Castro down

And when it came my time to serve I knew better dead than red But when I got to my old draft board Buddy, this is what I said

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And I always carry a purse
I got eyes like a bat, and my feet are flat
My asthma's getting worse

Consider my career, my sweetheart dear My poor old invalid aunt Besides, I ain't no fool, and I'm goin' to school And I'm workin' in a defense plant

I've got a dislocated disc and a racked up back I'm allergic to flowers and bugs And when the bombshell hits, I get epileptic fits And I'm addicted to a thousand drugs

I got the weakness woes, I can't touch my toes I can hardly reach my knees And if the enemy ever came close to me Well, I'd probably start to sneeze

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I hate Chou En Lai, and I hope he dies But I think you gotta see That if someone's gotta go over there That someone isn't me

So, have a ball, Sarge, watch 'em fall Yeah, kill me a thousand or so And if you ever get a war without any gore Well, I'll be the first to go

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Consider my career, my sweetheart dear I got to water my rubber tree plant

Phil Ochs

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