

TRAVELIN' SOLDIER

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Moderately ♩ = 74

Verse:



1. Two days past eigh-teen, he was wait-ing for the bus in his ar-my greens, sat
3.4. See additional lyrics



down in a booth in a ca-fé there, gave his or-der to a girl with a bow in her hair.

He's a lit-tle shy, so she gives him a smile, and he said would you mind sit-tin'
2. See additional lyrics



down_ for a while_ and talk - in' to me, I'm feel - in' a lit - tle low.



She said I'm off in an ho - ur and I know where we can go.



2. So, they

2.3.4.



back here_ to you?

Chorus:



I _____ cried, nev - er gon - na hold the hand _____ of an - oth - er guy.



Too young for him, they told _____ her, wait - in' for the love of a trav - el - ing sol - dier.



Our love will nev - er end, _____ wait - in' for the sol - dier to come back _____ a - gain.

[1.2.]



_____ Nev - er more to be _____ a - lone, when the let - ter said _____ a sol - dier's com - in' home.

D.C. || 3. | 4.

3. So the sol-dier's com-in', sol-dier's com-in'
4. One

home.

Repeat ad lib. and fade

Verse 2:

So, they went down and they sat on the pier.
He said, I bet you got a boyfriend, but I don't care.
I got no one to send a letter to,
Would you mind if I sent one back here to you?
(To Chorus:)

Verse 3:

So the letters came from an army camp,
In California, then Vietnam.
And he told her of his heart:
It might be love and all the things he was scared of
He said when it's getting kinda rough over here,
I think of that day, sittin' down at the pier.
And I close my eyes and see your pretty smile.
Don't worry, but I won't be able to write for a while.
(To Chorus:)

Verse 4:

One Friday night at a football game,
The Lord's prayer said and the Anthem sang.
A man said, folks would you bow your head
For a list of the local Vietnam dead.
Crying all alone underneath the stands
Was a piccolo player in the marching band.
And one name read and nobody cared
But a pretty little girl with a bow in her hair.
(To Chorus:)