

The Captains And The Kings
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I re(G)member in Sep(C)tember when the (D7)final stumps were (G)drawn
And the shouts of crowds now (C)silent when the (D)boisterous cheer had
(G)gone

Let (D)us O Lord a(A)bove us re(A7)member simple (D)things
When (G)all are dead to (C)love us, Oh, the (D)captains and the (G)Kings
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We have (G)many goods for (C)export Christian (D7)ethics and old (G)port
But our greatest boast is (C)that the Anglo-(D)Saxon is a (G)sport
When the (D)dart's game is (A)finished and the (A7)boys there game of
(D)rings
And the (G)draft and chests were (C)linghuised, Oh, the (D)captains and the
(G)Kings
And the (G)draft and chests were (C)relinghuised, Oh, the (D)captains and
the (G)Kings

Far a(G)way in dear old (C)Cyprus or in (D7)Kenya's dusty (G)land
Where all bear the white mans (C)burden in (D)many a strange (G)land
As we (D)looked across our (A)shoulder in West-(A7)Belfast the school-bell
(D)rings
And we (G)sigh for dear old (C)England, and the (D)captains and the (G)Kings
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In our (G)dreams we see old (C)Harrow and we (D7)hear the crow's loud (G)caw
At the flower show our big (C)marrow take's the (D)pride from evilyn and
(G)waugh
Cups of (D)tea and some dry (A)sherry vintage (A7)car's, these simple
(D)things
So let's (G)drink up and be (C)merry for the (D)captains and the (G)Kings
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As I (G)wandered in a (C)nightmare all a(D7)round great Windsor (G)Park
Now what do you think I (C)found there as I (D)wandered in the (G)dark?
'Twas an (D)apple half (A)bitten and (A7)sweetest of all (D)things
Five (G)baby teeth had (C)written of the (D)captains and the (G)Kings
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By the (G)moon that shine's a(C)bove us in the (D7)misty mornin' (G)night
Let us cease to run our(C)self down and praise (D)God that we are (G)white
And (D)lettuce still are (A)English, tea and (A7)toast and muffin (D)rings
And old (G)ladies with stained (C)faces and the (D)captains and the (G)kings
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