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Rogue's March

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Melody - Drum tune

I left my home and I left my job
Went and joined the army
If I knew then what I know now
I wouldn't have been so barmy.

cho: Poor old soldier, poor old soldier
If I knew then what I know now
I wouldn't have been so barmy.

2. Gave me a gun and a big red coat
Gave me lots of drilling
If I knew then what I know now
I wouldn't have took the shilling.

3. Sent me off on a real old boat
By Christ she was no beauty
Far far across the sea we went
Afore to do my duty

4. Fought the Russians, or was it the French
Really couldn't tell, sir
All I know is they fought so hard
They sent us all to hell, sir.
Chorus:

5. When we got back home again
To desert was my intent, sir
I sold my cot and I sold my coat
And over the wall I went, sir.
Chorus:

6. Went to a tavern and I got drunk
That is where they found me
Back to barracks in chains I was sent
And there they did impound me.

7. Fifty I got for selling me coat
Fifty for me blankets

If ever I 'list for a soldier again
The devil shall be me sergeant.

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