

Galveston Bay-crd

D
 Fifteen years Le Bing Son
 G D
 Fought side by side with the Americans
 A D
 In the mountains and deltas of Vietnam

 In '75 Saigon fell
 G D
 and he left his command
 A D
 And brought his family to the promised land

 Seabrook Texas and the small towns
 G D
 In the Gulf of Mexico
 A D
 It was delta country and reminded him of home

He worked as a machinist, put his money away
 G D
 And bought a shrimp boat with his cousin
 A D
 And together they harvested Galveston Bay

A D
 In the mornin' 'fore the sun come up
 G D
 He'd kiss his sleepin' daughter
 A D
 Steer out through the channel
 G D | G | D |
 And casts his nets into the water

Billy Sutter fought with Charlie Company
 G D
 In the highlands of Quang Tri
 G D
 He was wounded in the battle of Chu Lai
 A D
 And shipped home in '68

A D
 There he married and worked the gulf fishing grounds
 G D
 In a boat that'd been his father's
 A D
 In the morning he'd kiss his sleeping son
 G D | G | D |
 And cast his nets into the water

G D
 Billy sat in front of his TV as the south fell
 G D
 And the Communists rolled into Saigon
 He and his friends watched as the refugees came
 A D
 Settle on the same streets and worked the coast they grew up on

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Soon in the bars around the harbor was talk

Of America for Americans

Someone said, "You want 'em out, you got to burn 'em out"

And brought in the Texas klan

One humid Texas night there were three shadows on the harbor

Come to burn the Vietnamese boats into the sea

In the fire's light shots rang out

Two Texans lay dead on the ground

Le stood with a pistol in his hand

A jury acquitted him in self defense

As before the judge he did stand

But as he walked down the courthouse steps

Billy said "My friend, you're a dead man"

One late summer night Le stood watch along the waterside

Billy stood in the shadows

His K-bar knife in his hand

And the moon slipped behind the clouds

Le lit a cigarette, the bay was as still as glass

As he walked by Billy stuck his knife into his pocket

Took a breath and let him pass

In the early darkness Billy rose up

Went into the kitchen for a drink of water

Kissed his sleeping wife

Headed into the channel

And casts his nets into the water

Of Galveston Bay

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