

Lyndon Johnson Told The Nation
Tom Paxton

Capo 2nd fret

(Amin) (Amin/G) (F) (Dmin) (E) (Amin) (E/B)
(Amin)I got a letter from (C)LBJ, it (Dmin)said this is your lucky day,
It`s (Amin)time to put your (E)khaki trousers (Amin)on. (E/B)
(Amin)Though it may seem (C)very queer, we`ve (Dmin)got no jobs to give you
here,
So (Amin)we are sending (E/B)you to Viet(Amin)nam.

(F)Lyndon Johnson (C/E)told the nation, (Dmin)have no fear of
(Amin/E)escalation,
(Amin)I am trying (E/B)everyone to (Amin)please.(G)
(F)Though it isnt (C/E)really war, were (Dmin)sending 50,(Amin/E)000 more,
To (Amin)help save Viet(E/B)nam from Vietna(Amin)mese. (E/B)

(Amin)I jumped off the (C)old troop ship and (Dmin)sank in mud up to my
hips,
I (Amin)cussed it till the (E)captain called me (Amin)down. (E/B)
(Amin)Never mind how (C)hard it`s raining, (Dmin)think of all the ground
we`re gaining,
(Amin)Just don`t take one (E/B)step outside of (Amin)town.

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(Amin)Every night the (C)local gentry (Dmin)slip out past the sleeping
sentry,
(Amin)They go out to (E)join the old V (Amin)C. (E/B)
(Amin)In their nightly (C)little dramas, (Dmin)they put on their black
pyjamas,
(Amin)And come lobbing (E/B)mortar shells at (Amin)me.

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(Amin)Wed go round in (C)helicopters, (Dmin)like a bunch of big
grasshoppers,
(Amin)Searching for the (E)Vietcong in (Amin)vain. (E/B)
They (Amin)left a note that (C)they had gone, they (Dmin)had to get down to
Saigon,
Their (Amin)government po(E/B)sitions to main(Amin)tain.
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Well, (Amin)Here I sit in (C)this rice-paddy, (Dmin)wondering about Big
Daddy,
(Amin)And I know that (E)Lyndon loves me (Amin)so. (E/B)
(Amin)Yet how sadly (C)I remember, (Dmin)way back yonder in November,
(Amin)When he said I`d (E/B)never have to (Amin)go.

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(Amin)