Texas Lullaby

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He was just eighteen Full of fire and gasoline He was lean and mean And they called him Texas

He went off to war To a far and distant shore He'd never left his home before He was from Texas

As they stormed that beach one foggy summer day He said if I don't make it back promise me one thing

Take me home if I die When I'm gone don't ya cry Find some shade right beside a live oak tree Sing those old songs of faith I'll fly away amazing grace But you find comfort knowing that my soul found peace And you can bury me beneath the deep blue skies of Texas

Well she was just eighteen Prettiest thing he'd ever seen Like a real life beauty queen And someday she'd be his wife

But for the next four years She fought back her tears While he fought back his fears Fighting for his life

And in his darkest hours Her love would bring him a light He would read her letters He would pray at night

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He always said the real heroes Never made it back home And though the war was long over You know for him it still lived on And it still lives on

When he was eighty-three Still full of fire and gasoline He was still lean and mean And they still called him Texas

And on the day he died She was right there by his side She held his hand as she softly sang his lullaby

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