

# When Do I Get to Come Home

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I signed up nine years ago. What else could I do?  
A punk kid from the greatest land with everything to prove  
I didn't want nobody to crush these dreams of yours and mine  
I got a haircut and a uniform, "Just sign there on the dotted line"  
Sign the dotted line

Shipped me off for the first time, Momma said "Son, come home soon"  
Shipped me off the next time, my wife said "The baby will be due in June"  
I came back for a third time with a second kid on the way  
Now I'm still here in this goddamn sand and that boy turns one today

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Oh, the white guys send me over, the black guy said he'd send me home  
Puppets talkin' on TV arguin' about right and wrong  
I'm sure it's fun to talk about when your workday ends at five  
But me and my boys' workday don't end unless we make it back home alive

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Granddaddy fought in World War Two until the Germans all gave in  
Daddy went to Vietnam, gave an arm to Ho Chi Minh  
I got aches and pains in every bone I got, and I just take it on the chin  
'Cause I'm back here for a fourth time, wonder what it's gonna take to win

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