

# Steve Earle - Ben Mcculloch

Tom: G

THIS FILE IS THE AUTHOR'S OWN WORK AND REPRESENTS MY INTERPRETATION OF THE SONG

UMM, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE DONE THIS SO IF THERE ARE ANY MISTAKES  
FEEL FREE TO EMAIL ME WITH ABUSE, ADVISE ETC.  
MATT :-)  
FROM

THERE IS A LOT MORE GOING ON HERE BUT YOU CAN GET THE GENERAL IDEA.

AM  
WE SIGNED UP IN SAN ANTON  
MY BROTHER PAUL AND ME  
TO FIGHT WITH BEN MCCOLLOCH  
AND THE TEXAS INFANTRY  
WELL THE POSTER SAID WE'D GET A UNIFORM  
AND SEVEN BUCKS A WEEK  
THE BEST RATIONS IN THE ARMY  
AND A RIFLE WE COULD KEEP  
AM  
WHEN I FIRST LAID EYES ON THE GENERAL  
I KNEW HE WAS A FIGHTING MAN  
HE WAS EVERY INCH A SOLDIER  
EVERY WORD WAS HIS COMMAND  
WELL HIS EYES WERE COLD AS LEAD AND STEEL  
FORGED INTO TOOLS OF WAR  
HE TOOK THE LIVES OF MANY  
AND THE SOULS OF MANY MORE  
AM  
WELL THEY MARCHED US TO MISSOURI  
AND WE HARDLY STOPPED FOR REST  
THEN HE MADE HIS SPEECH AND SAID  
WE'RE COMIN' TO THE TEST  
WELL WE'VE GOT TO TAKE SAINT LOUIS BOYS  
BEFORE THE YANKEES DO  
IF WE CONTROL THE MISSISSIPPI  
THEN THE FEDERALS ARE THROUGH  
AM

WELL THEY TOLD US THAT OUR ENEMY  
WOULD ALL BE DRESSED IN BLUE  
THEY FORGOT ABOUT THE WINTERS COLD  
AND THE CURSED FEVER TOO  
MY BROTHER DIED IN WILSONS CREEK  
AND LORD I SEEN HIM FALL  
WE FELL BACK TO THE BOSTON MOUNTAINS  
IN THE NORTH OF ARKANSAS  
G AM G AM  
GODDAMN YOU BEN MCCOLLOCH  
I HATE YOU MORE THAN ANY MAN ALIVE  
AND WHEN YOU DIE  
YOU'LL BE A FOOT SOLDIER JUST LIKE ME  
IN THE DEVILS INFANTRY  
AM  
AND ALL THE WAY TO FAYETTEVILLE  
WE CURSED MCCULLOCH'S NAME  
AND MOURNED THE DEAD WE'D LEFT BEHIND  
AND WE WAS CARRING THE LAME  
I KILLED A BOY THE OTHER NIGHT  
WHO'D NEVER EVEN SHAVED  
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M FIGHTIN' FOR  
I AIN'T EVER OWNED A SLAVE  
AM  
SO I SNUCK OUT OF CAMP  
AND I HEARD THE NEWS NEXT NIGHT  
THE YANKEES WON THE BATTLE  
AND MCCOLLOCH LOST HIS LIFE  
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## Acordes

