

# Emerson, Lake & Palmer, Memoirs Of An Officer

Walking through the city after recent rain  
Heard ancient stones all shining murmur where are they?  
How long before next hero's day  
And the splendid show of drum and gun

Walking by the river one September eve  
Saw questions rise in circles on that old dark stream  
Where now are those who dared to dream  
They would leave one jewel in England's hand

Gone to sleep they lie in flowered graves  
For the visitors and Guidebook saved  
But come the trumpet shattered dawn  
Will the spirit they shared be reborn

Comrades in arms, may they rise, fight and shine again,  
Till "who goes there" will be answered with friend again

Once there stood a man, alone, sword in his hand  
In the face of the teeth and flame  
And it was all in England's name

I was told how she grew, she alone shone her light on everyone  
And if you made the first eleven then you'd be sure to get to heaven,  
Like the captain of the school

I was taught how to win  
And to lose with that "get you next time" smile,  
Learned Latin verbs in fear of a beating  
And for years thought central heating,  
Was for just old people's homes

I was raised on the past, the Tower and Saint Paul's and Westminster  
Escorted well-bred girls to dances, and learned to drive a horse in harness,  
Through the English countryside  
I was taught to behave, like an officer and a gentleman,  
And when I finally marched from Sandhurst  
I learned to put my fellow man first  
And there was daily talk of war  
I spent 1938 in the United States of America,  
I grew to love it's many faces, and they had built some amazing places,  
And I thought they'd come in on our side  
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==Love at First Sight==

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Girls, oh there were girls  
But they were just part of the social whirl  
And I never took much notice  
Until the night that I met you

Standing out there alone  
Out on the terrace under the moon  
From the moment that I kissed you  
My life turned into a dream

I knew I loved you at first sight  
And that you loved .. me  
Was it really happening, or was it a dream?

I asked if you'd be mine  
Feeding the white doves by the Serpentine  
And when you said forever  
I know that I almost cried

You all in white  
The tears and the laughing  
Nearly losing the damn ring  
Yes, I do ... Yes, I will... keep you from harm

Those few short days  
We spent together  
Remembered forever  
All the plans - for the house and for the children

I know I loved you at first sight  
And that you loved... me  
Did it really happen then, or was it a dream?

I knew when I saw your face  
Opening orders, the time and the place  
Oh, don't worry it won't last long  
And I won't be far away  
I'll try to write every day...  
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==Letters From the Front==  
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Got your letters at the front today  
If you like the house well buy it straight away  
Yes, its great now youre a full-time nurse  
But do be careful with the air-raids - getting worse

Must end now... the push is on... were moving out...  
All my love... see you soon

I'm writing to you on a convoy moving west  
It's hell out here but were all trying to do our best  
I learned today that I get two weeks leave in June  
This time I promise you a real honeymoon

Must end now... take care my love... you're all the world  
To me my love...see you soon

The telegram... dropped from my hand  
She was all I had... I just don't understand  
I see her now... in that white dress she wore  
Those eyes and that smile  
No one else... nevermore

Decorations and respect inside the club  
Aren't compensation when you lose the one you love  
But in the end, all that is left  
Is the regiment and what it means  
To be... an officer and a gentleman...