

# Woody Guthrie, So Long, It's Been Good To Know

(World War II Version)

I got the news that the war had begun  
It was straight for the Army Hall that I run  
And all of the people in my home town  
Was a running up and a running down  
Singing:

So long, it's been good to know you  
So long, it's been good to know you  
So long, it's been good to know you  
There's a mighty big war that's got to be won  
And we'll get back together again.

The crowd was packed by the railroad track  
People was yelling and patting my back  
And while the engineer rung his bell  
I hugged all the mothers and kissed all the gals,  
Singing:

So long, it's been good to know you  
So long, it's been good to know you  
So long, it's been good to know you  
There's a mighty big war that's got to be won  
And we'll get back together again

I got to the camp and I learnt how to fight  
Fascists in daytime, mosquitoes at night  
I got my orders to cross o'er the sea  
So I waved "goodbye" to the girls I could see,  
Singing:

So long, it's been good to know you  
So long, it's been good to know you  
So long, it's been good to know you  
There's a mighty big war that's got to be won  
And we'll get back together again

I got on a boat and I started to float  
My old pack-sack and my big wool coat  
With ten thousand men we rode the foam  
And sung this song to the people back home:

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So long, it's been good to know you  
So long, it's been good to know you  
There's a mighty big war that's got to be won  
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I landed somewhere on a fighting shore  
With ten million soldiers and ten million more  
And while we were chasing that Super Race  
We sung this song in the chase.  
It was:

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So long, it's been good to know you  
So long, it's been good to know you  
There's a mighty big war that's got to be won  
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So it won't be long till the fascists are gone  
And all of their likes are finished and done  
We'll throw the clods of dirt in their face

And walk away from that lonesome place  
Singing:

So long, it's been good to know you  
So long, it's been good to know you  
So long, it's been good to know you  
There's a mighty big war that's got to be won  
And we'll get back together again