

# Stan Ridgway, Cannon Song (Aka Army Song)

(Kurt Weill/Bertolt Brecht/Marc Blitzstein)

Performed by Stan Ridgway and the Fowler Brothers

John was all present and Jim was all there

And Georgie was up for promotion

Not that the Army gave a bugger who they were

When confronting some heathen commotion

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The troops live under the cannon's thunder

From Sind to Cooch Behar

Moving from place to place

When they come face to face

With a different breed of fellow

Whose skin is black or yellow

they quick as winking chop them into beefsteak tartar

Johnny found his whiskey too warm

And Jimmy found the weather too balmy

But Georgie took them both by the arm and said,

"Don't ever disappoint the Army!"

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John is a write-off and Jimmy is dead

And Georgie was shot for looting

And young men's blood goes on being red

While the Army just goes on ahead recruiting

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