

# The Decemberists, Sixteen Military Wives

Sixteen military wives  
Thirty-two softly focused brightly colored eyes  
Staring at the natural tan  
of thirty-two gently clenching wrinkled little hands  
Seventeen company men  
Out of which only twelve will make it back again  
Sergeant sends a letter to five  
Military wives, whose tears drip down through ten little eyes  
Cheer them on to their rivals  
Cause America can, and America can't say no  
And America does, if America says it's so  
It's so!  
And the anchorperson on TV goes...  
La de da de da  
Fifteen celebrity minds  
Leading their fifteen sordid wretched checkered lives  
Will they find the solution in time  
Using their fifteen pristine moderate liberal minds?  
Eighteen academy chairs  
Out of which only seven really even care  
Doling out the garland to five  
Celebrity minds, they're humbly taken by surprise  
Cheer them on to their rivals  
Cause America can, and America can't say no  
And America does, if America says it's so  
It's so!  
And the anchorperson on TV goes...  
La de da de da de-dadedade-da  
La de da de da de-dadedade-da  
Fourteen cannibal kings  
Wondering blithely what the dinner bell will bring  
Fifteen celebrity minds  
Served on a leafy bed OF sixteen military wives  
Cheer them on to their rivals  
Cause America can, and America can't say no  
And America does, if America says it's so  
It's so!  
And the anchorperson on TV goes...  
La de da de da de-dadedade-da  
La de da de da de-dadedade-da  
La de da de da de-dadedade-da-dedadeda-de de dadede-daaaaa