

Johnny Come Lately by Steve Earle

Start with four downstrokes of [G]

[G]I'm an American, boys, and I've come a long [C]way
I was [G]born and bred in the [D]USA
So [Em]listen up close, I've got [C] something to [G]say
[G] Boys, I'm buying this [D]round

Well it [G]took a little while, but we're in this [C]fight
And we [G]ain't going home 'til we've [D]done what's right
We're [Em]gonna drink Camden Town [C]dry ton[G]ight
If I have to spend [D]my last [G]pound

When I [G]first got to London it was pourin' down[C] rain
[G]Met a little girl in the [D]field canteen
[Em]Painted her name on the [C]nose of my [G]plane
Six more missions I'm [D]gone

Well I [G]asked if I could stay and she said that I [C]might
Then the [G]warden came around yelling [D]"turn out the lights"
[Em]Death rainin' down in the [C]London [G]night
We made [D]love 'til [G]dawn

But when [C]Johnny Come Lately comes [G]marching home
With a chest full of medals and a [D]G.I. loan
They'll be [Em]waitin' at the station in [C]San An[G]tone
When Johnny comes [D]marching [G]home

My [G]P-47 is a pretty good [C]ship
And she [G]took a round comin' 'cross the [D]channel last trip
I was [Em]thinkin' 'bout my baby and [C]letting her [G]rip
Always got me through so [D]far

Well they can [G]ship me all over this great big [C]world
But I'll [G]never find nothing like my [D]North End girl
I'm [Em]taking her home with me [C]one day, [G]sir,
Soon as we [D]win this [G]war

(repeat chorus)

Now [G]my granddaddy sang me this [C]song
[G]Told me about London when the [D]blitz was on
[Em]How he married Grandma and brought her[C] back [G]home,
A hero throughout his [D]land

Now I'm [G]standin' on a runway in San [C]Diego
A [G]couple purple hearts and I [D]move a little slow
[Em]There's nobody here, maybe [C]nobody [G]knows
About a place called [D]Viet[G]nam

(repeat chorus 2x)