

Goodnight Saigon (Original Key of C)

Billy Joel

G9 Dm/// G7/ C Dm/// G7/ C
 We met as soul mates on Parris Island. We left as inmates from an asylum
 Em// Am// Em// Am// Dm G
 And we were sharp as sharp as knives and we were so gung ho to lay down our lives

Dm/// G7/ C Dm/// G7/ C
 We came in spastic like tameless horses. We left in plastic as numbered corpses
 Em// Am// Em// Am// Dm Bb G Dm
 And we learned fast to travel light. Our arms were heavy but our bellies were tight

G9 Dm/// G7/ C Dm/// G7/ C
 We had no home front. We had no soft soap. They sent us Playboy. They gave us Bob Hope
 Em// Am// Em// Am// Dm G
 We dug in deep and shot on sight and prayed to Jesus Christ with all our might

Dm/// G7/ C Dm/// G7/ C
 We had no cameras to shoot the landscape. We passed the hash pipe and played our Doors tapes
 Em// Am// Em// Am// Dm
 And it was dark so dark at night and we held on to each other
 Dm Bb// F6// G
 Like brother to brother, we promised our mothers we'd write

F// Bb// C/// C7/ F// Bb// C/// C7/
 And we would all go down together. We said we'd all go down together. Yes we would
 F// Bb// G F Bb G
 All go down together

Dm/// G7/ C Dm/// G7/ C
 Remember Charlie. Remember Baker. They left their childhood on every acre
 Em// Am// Em// Am// Dm// C// Bb G
 And who was wrong? And who was right? It didn't matter in the thick of the fight

Am/// Em/ C/// D/ E/// Dm7/ E
 We held the day in the palm of our hand
 Am/// Em/ C/// D/ E/// Dm7/ C/ E/ C/ E/
 They ruled the night and the night seemed to last as long as
 Dm/// G7/ C Dm/// G7/ C
 Six weeks on Parris Island we held the coastline, they held the highlands
 Em// Am// Em// Am//
 And we were sharp as sharp as knives
 Dm Dm7 Bb// F6// G
 They heard the hum of our motors, they counted the rotors and waited for us to arrive

<Chorus>

