

The Veteran

1. Just a veteran making a return
To heal the memories that every day have burned
Its been a yearning for all of those years
Feel the apprehension the tension and the fears
2. Port Stanley's so clear and so bright
Seems like days since we came into the fight
To feel the friendship that welcomes you so
Grateful for the sacrifice all those years ago
3. San Carlos is tranquil and still
See the skyhawks come in for the kill
Salute old comrades in graves where they lay
"Rest in peace my friends" we'll be with you some day
4. Feel the harsh cold winds of Mount Kent
Take the route where our company was sent
Ghostly voices "air warning red"
The noise and the gunfire still echo in my head
5. My thoughts are distant as I wander all alone
To how the people and the townships have grown
To be a saviour from oppression and the gun
Through the pieces of a puzzle my heart you have won
6. Farewell these islands for I must away
For I'm no stranger the debts have been paid
For deep in my heart you are family to me
The beauty of your children running safe and free

Through the eyes of a soldier peace has come to me

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