The Retreat Elton John

verse 1 Bb/E G#/D They laid beneath the pine trees with their caps over their eyes G# Eb They were drunk with home and mama as they brushed away the flies Eb Bb/E G# Eb In an instant before the sunrise they had gunned the rebels down G# Eb Bb Eb As their flags were torn at half mast in the ruins of the town verse 2 Eb Bb/E G#/D There were white sails on the water for the crippled on the beach G# Eb There was a lack of ammunition so the cause was incomplete Eb Bb/E G# When the bugle blew at breakfast and they knew their ships were in G# Eb BbSigns of grand assurance were carried on the wind Eb Bb/E Cm Eb/C G# Eb Take it home, take it low, take responsibilities Fm Bb G# Bb Came the message from the front Eb Bb/ECmEb/C G# For the captains, captains quarters must retreat Fm7 BbPack the compass, pack the tents, take the bunks verse 3 Bb/E G#

G# Eb F Bb

They just chalked it down in history but they kept their uniforms

They put their medals on the sideboards and they went back to their farms Bb/E Eb G# For it was just a mere reminder that they stood beside the best Eb Вb That God had saved the chosen few and the devil took the rest Eb Bb/E Cm Eb/C Take it home, take it low, take responsibilities Bb G# Bb Fm Came the message from the front Eb Bb/E Cm Eb/C G# Bb/A For the captains, captains quarters must retreat Fm7 Вb G# Eb Pack the compass, pack the tents, take the bunks verse 4 Bb/E G#/D On the planes above the rock face where the sculptured eagles swoop Eb There s a haunted yell for action among the spectres of his troops Bb/E G# It was silent on the coastline as the crazy angels danced G# Eb Eb Вb With the sound of retreating footfall from his military camp Eb Bb/E Cm Eb/C G# Eb Take it home, take it low, take responsibilities Bb G# Bb Fm Came the message from the front Bb/E Cm Eb/C G# Bb/A For the captains, captains quarters must retreat Fm7 Вb Eb

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