

# 16 Military Wives The Decemberists

The other chord set on Ultimate-Guitar is a little off.  
Here are the correct chords:

Artist: The Decemberists  
Song: Sixteen Military Wives  
Album: Picaresque

Standard tuning. No capo.  
Here s the chords required for the song:

|   | <b>E</b> | <b>G</b> | <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C#m</b> | <b>D</b> |      |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|------|
| e | ---      | 0---     | 3---     | 0---     | 2---       | 4---     | 2--- |
| B | ---      | 0---     | 0---     | 2---     | 4---       | 5---     | 3--- |
| G | ---      | 1---     | 0---     | 2---     | 4---       | 6---     | 2--- |
| D | ---      | 2---     | 0---     | 2---     | 4---       | 6---     | 0--- |
| A | ---      | 2---     | 2---     | 0---     | 2---       | 4---     | x--- |
| E | ---      | 0---     | 3---     | x---     | x---       | 4---     | x--- |

Lyrics and chords:

[Intro]  
E, E, E, E

**E** **G**  
Sixteen military wives

**A** **E**  
Thirty-two softly focused brightly colored eyes

**E** **G**  
Staring at the natural tan

**A** **E**  
Of thirty-two gently clenching wrinkled little hands

**A** **B**  
Seventeen company men

**C#m** **D** **A**  
Out of which only twelve will make it back again

**E** **G**  
Sergeant sent a letter to five

**A** **E**  
Military wives, his tears drip down to ten little eyes

**B**  
Cheer them on to their rivals

**A** **E** **A** **E** **B**  
Cause America can, and America can t say no

**A E A E B**  
And America does, if America says it s so

**B**  
It s so

**F#m A**  
And the anchorperson on TV goes

**E**  
La de da de da

**E G**  
Fifteen celebrity mimes

**A E**  
Leaving their fifteen sorted wretched checkered lives

**E G**  
Will they find the solution in time

**A E**  
Using their fifteen pristine moderate liberal minds

**A B**  
Eighteen academy chairs

**C#m D A**  
Out of which only seven really even care

**E G**  
Doling out a garment to five

**A E**  
Celebrity mimes, they re humbly taken by surprise

**B**  
Cheer them on to their rivals

**A E A E B**  
Cause America can, and America can t say no

**A E A E B**  
And America does, if America says it s so

**B**  
It s so

**F#m A**  
And the anchorperson on TV goes

**E**  
La de da de da de di de di de da

**E**  
La de da de da de di de di de da

[Bridge]

E, G, A, E, E, G, A, E

**A B**  
Fourteen cannibal kings

**C#m D A**  
Wondering blindly what the dinner bell will bring

**E G**

Fifteen celebrity mimes

**A**

**E**

Served on a leafy bed of sixteen military wives

**B**

Cheer them on to their rivals

**A**

**E**

**A**

**E**

**B**

Cause America can, and America can't say no

**A**

**E**

**A**

**E**

**B**

And America does, if America says it's so

**B**

It's so

**F#m**

**A**

And the anchorperson on TV goes

**E**

La de da de da de di de di de da

**E**

La de da de da de di de di de da

**E**

La de da de da de di de di de da

**E**

De da de da de di de di de da

**E**

De da de da de di de di de da

[Outro]

E, G, A, E, E, G, A, E, E, G, A, E

Well, that's it. Special thanks to Dan Quinn.  
Enjoy! Tabbed by Jeff H.