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Lake Placid Blues Tony Joe White

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Am
At the time I was too young for the meaning
Am
G
Am
But it s become much clearer through the years
Am
G
F
We gathered round the boy in his army clothes
Dm
Em
Am
Am
Am
Am
Am
Am

Said goodbye and his mother shed her tears

Am G Am

Every day she watched for the postman

Am G Am

But the long awaited letter was over due

Am G F

It s not the silence that makes you crazy

bm Em Am

It s the sound of a heart breaking in two

F G Am

Then it came across the ocean

I don t know why I still remember

Dm Em Am
I guess it s just the Lake Placid Blues

I turned 18 and left that part of the country Went down on the Padre Island coast Of all the hard times I still remember The repossession of the guitar hurt the most

The paupers stood in line outside the mission And I huddled there beside them in the rain A priest came to the door with empty eyes I could see he no longer felt their pain

Some were searchin for forgiveness
And others only wanted food
I needed more than I could ask for
There is no comfort with the Lake Placid Blues

It s hard to find good friends in a lifetime You can usually count em on one hand I shivered by the fire and the dawn was breakin And I scattered his ashes on the sand

And the silver cranes came over in formation In a sacred manner they flew And I will always remember The sky, the Lake Placid Blues