Marching Through Rochester

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(Pete Coe)

A bold fusilier came marching back through Rochester
Off from the wars in the north country,
And he sang as he marched
Through the crowded streets of Rochester,
``Who'll be a soldier for Marlboro and me?''

Who'll be a soldier? Who'll be a soldier?
Who'll be a soldier for Marlboro and me?
And he sang as he marched
Through the crowded streets of Rochester,
``Who'll be a soldier for Marlboro and me?''

The Queen, she has ordered new troops onto the continent
To strike a last blow at the enemy.
And if you would be a soldier
All in a scarlet uniform
Take the King's shilling for Marlboro and me.
Take the King's shilling. Take the King's shilling.
Take the King's shilling for Marlboro and me.
And if you would be a soldier
All in a scarlet uniform
Take the King's shilling for Marlboro and me.

``Not I,'' said the butcher, ``Nor I,'' said the baker.
Most of the rest with them did agree.
To be paid with the powder and
The rattle of the cannonball
Wages for soldiers for Marlboro and me.

Wages for soldiers, wages for soldiers,
Wages for soldiers for Marlboro and me.
To be paid with the powder and
The rattle of the cannonball
Wages for soldiers for Marlboro and me.

``Now I,'' said the young man, ``have oft endured the parish queue.
There is no wages or employment for me.
Salvation or danger,
That'll be my destiny.
To be a soldier for Marlboro and me.''

To be a soldier, to be a soldier,
To be a soldier for Marlboro and me.
Salvation or danger,
That'll be my destiny.
To be a soldier for Marlboro and me.

Now twenty new recruits came marching back through Rochester
Off to the wars in the north country.
And they sang as they marched
Through the crowded streets of Rochester,
``Who'll be a soldier for Marlboro and me?''

Who'll be a soldier, who'll be a soldier,
Who'll be a soldier for Marlboro and me?
And they sang as they marched
Through the crowded streets of Rochester,
``Who'll be a soldier for Marlboro and me?''

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