

## Homecoming

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Em            C                            D                            Em  
So now, my lord, you have come home from the wars,  
                 Am            D                            Em  
Seeking me here, in my lonely bed.  
                 C                            D                            Em  
After your conquests in lands so far afield  
                 Am            D                            Em  
You will return to the lady you wed.

These seven years for your holding I have cared  
While you the ways of warfare did learn.  
Raised up your sons, oversaw your homes and lands,  
Patiently waiting the day you'd return.

Why did you linger so long in foreign lands  
After our king the battles had won?  
Don't spin me tales of your duty and your deeds--  
I have had word of the things you have done.

In a small keep near some conquered town  
There dwells a woman so young and so fair.  
After the fighting and the treaties were all done  
Still did you choose to remain with her there.

What did you think of as you lay down by her side?  
Did you remember my love and my trust?  
At any time did my face come to your mind,  
Or were those mem'ries all drowned by your lust?

So now, my lord, you have come home from the wars,  
Seeking me here, in my lonely bed.  
After your conquests so far afield  
You **would** return to the lady you wed.

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