POEMS ABOUT WAR

A BUMMER

We were going single file
Through his rice paddies
And the farmer
Started hitting the lead track
With a rake
He wouldn't stop
The TC* went to talk to him
And the farmer
Tried to hit him too
So the tracks went sideways
Side by side
Through the guy's fields
Instead of single file
Hard On, Proud Mary
Bummer, Wallace, Rosemary's Baby
The Rutgers Road Runner
And
Go get Em - Done Got Em
Went side by side
Through the fields
   If you have a farm in Vietnam
And a house in hell
Sell the farm
And go home

-Michael Casey

*Track Commander: the commander of a vehicle with tracks, such as a tank, or armored personnel carrier.