ARTIST: Tom Lehrer
TITLE: So Long, Mom (A Song for World War III)
Lyrics and Chords

So long, Mom, I'm off to drop the bomb
So don't wait up for me
But while you swelter down there in your shelter
You can see me on your TV

/ G - - - / C Cm G7 / C - G E7 / A7 - D7 - /

While we're attacking frontally
Watch Brinkally and Huntally
Describing contrapuntally
The cities we have lost
No need for you to miss a minute
Of the agonizing holocaust, yeah


Little Johnny Jones he was a U.S. pilot
And no shrinking vi'let was he
He was mighty proud when World War Three was declared
He wasn't scared, no siree!
And this is what he said on
His way to Armageddon

/ G - D7 - / - - G D7 / G - A7 - / - - D7 - /
/ D7 - - - / G - - D7 /

So long, Mom, I'm off to drop the bomb
So don't wait up for me
But though I may roam I'll come back to my home
Although it may be a pile of debris

Remember, Mommy, I'm off to get a commie
So send me a salami
And try to smile somehow
I'll look for you when the war is over
An hour and a half from now

Click here to submit corrections.

How to read these chord charts

Go back to the Table of Contents

Go back to the Index

Go back to my main page