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# The Tea Leaf Prophecy (Lay Down Your Arms)

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777700

000200

Study war no

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more Lay down your

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arms Study war no

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more Lay 'em down Lay 'em

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down now Study war no

777700

more Lay down your

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arms Study war no (more)

888700

News reels rattle the

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Nazi dread The

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able-bodied have shipped away

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Molly McGee gets her

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tea leaves read

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You'll be married in a month, they say

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"These leaves are

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crazy

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look at this town - there's no men left

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Just frail old boys and

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babies

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talking to teacher in the treble clef"

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She plants her garden in the

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spring

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She does the winter shovel-

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ling

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Tokyo Rose on the

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radio

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She says she's leavin' but

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she don't go

Additional verses:

Out of the blue - just passin' thru  
A young flight sergeant  
On two weeks leave -  
Says "Molly McGee - no one else will do!"  
And seals the tea-leaf prophecy  
Oh these nights are strong and soft -  
Private passions and secret storms  
Nothin' about him ticks her off  
And he looks so cute in his uniform  
She plants her garden in the spring  
He does the winter shovelling  
But summer's just a sneeze  
In a long-long-bad-winter cold  
She says "I'm leavin' here" but she don't go.

"Sleep little darlin'!  
This is your happy home.  
Hiroshima cannot be pardoned!  
Don't have kids when you get grown  
Because, this world is shattered.  
The wise are mourning -  
The fools are joking.  
Oh - what does it matter?  
The wash needs ironing  
And the fire needs stoking."  
She plants her garden in the spring  
He does the winter shovelling  
The three of 'em laughin' 'round the radio  
She says "I'm leavin' here" but she don't go.

She plants her garden in the spring  
They do the winter shovelling  
They sit up late and watch the Johnny Carson Show  
She says "I'm leavin' here" but she don't go.

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