

# Lyndon Johnson Told The Nation Chords by Tom Paxton

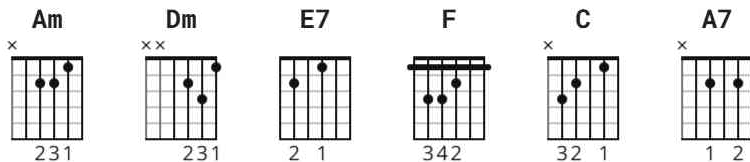


Difficulty: beginner

Tuning: E A D G B E

Capo: 2nd fret

## CHORDS



Tab by: Fabian Schild

Artist: Tom Paxton

Title: Lyndon Johnson Told the Nation

Standard Tuning

Capo on the 2nd Fret

[Verse 1]

**Am**

I got a letter from L.B.J.

**Dm**

It said, "This is your lucky day,

**Am**

**E7**

**Am**

**E7**

It's time to put your khaki trousers on.

**Am**

Though it may seem very queer,

**Dm**

We've got no jobs to give you here,

**Am**

**E7**

**Am**

So we are sending you to Vietnam."

[Chorus]

**F**

**C**

Lyndon Johnson told the nation

**Dm**

**Am**

"Have no fear of escalation,

**Am**

**E7**

**Am**

**A7**

I am trying everyone to please.

**F**

**C**

Though it isn't really war,

**Dm**

**Am**

We're sending fifty thousand more

**Am**

**E7**

**Am**

**E7**

To help save Vietnam from Vietnamese."

[Verse 2]

**Am**

I jumped off the old troop ship

**Dm**  
 And sank in mud up to my hips  
**Am** **E7** **Am** **E7**  
 I cussed until the captain called me down  
**Am**  
 "Never mind how hard it's raining,  
**Dm**  
 Think of all the ground we're gaining,  
**Am** **E7** **Am**  
 Just don't take one step outside of town."

[Chorus]

**F** **C**  
 Lyndon Johnson told the nation  
**Dm** **Am**  
 "Have no fear of escalation,  
**Am** **E7** **Am** **A7**  
 I am trying everyone to please.  
**F** **C**  
 Though it isn't really war,  
**Dm** **Am**  
 We're sending fifty thousand more  
**Am** **E7** **Am** **E7** **Am** **E7**  
 To help save Vietnam from Vietnamese."

[Verse 3]

**Am**  
 Every night the local gentry  
**Dm**  
 Slip out past the sleeping sentry  
**Am** **E7** **Am** **E7**  
 They go out to join the old V.C.  
**Am**  
 In their nightly little dramas  
**Dm**  
 They put on their black pajamas  
**Am** **E7** **Am**  
 And come lobbing mortar shells at me

[Chorus]

**F** **C**  
 But Lyndon Johnson told the nation  
**Dm** **Am**  
 "Have no fear of escalation,  
**Am** **E7** **Am** **A7**  
 I am trying everyone to please.  
**F** **C**  
 Though it isn't really war,  
**Dm** **Am**  
 We're sending fifty thousand more  
**Am** **E7** **Am** **E7** **Am** **E7**  
 To help save Vietnam from Vietnamese."

[Verse 4]

**Am**  
 We go round in helicopters

Dm

Like a bunch of big grasshoppers

Am E7 Am E7

Searching for the Viet Cong in vain

Am

They left a note that they had gone

Dm

They had to get down to Saigon

Am E7 Am

Their government positions to maintain

[Chorus]

F C

And Lyndon Johnson told the nation

Dm Am

"Have no fear of escalation,

Am E7 Am A7

I am trying everyone to please.

F C

Though it isn't really war,

Dm Am

We're sending fifty thousand more

Am E7 Am E7 Am E7

To help save Vietnam from Vietnamese."

[Verse 5]

Am

Well, here I sit in this rice paddy

Dm

Wondering about Big Daddy

Am E7 Am E7

And I know that Lyndon loves me so

Am

Yet how sadly I remember

Dm

Way back yonder in November

Am E7 Am

When he said I'd never have to go

[Chorus]

F C

But Lyndon Johnson told the nation

Dm Am

"Have no fear of escalation,

Am E7 Am A7

I am trying everyone to please.

F C

Though it isn't really war,

Dm Am

We're sending fifty thousand more

Am E7 Am

To help save Vietnam from Vietnamese."