

LEN'S STORY (EXTRACT)

(Inspired by Len Gibson)

Written and performed by Ross Millard

The war was won, we were going home
From Rangoon, to Ceylon we sailed
Round the bay of Biscay.
On the Empire Pride I heard the boys
Sing a song they said was called Monsoon.
Well, that was my monsoon
Norman and the lads had kept it on
All the while
There were tears in my eyes
As I shaved for the first time in what felt like years
In Liverpool, through quarantine
We waited for the W.R.E.N.S. to say behave
And send us on our way
Up to Newcastle and Sunderland
In Fawcett street we were greeted by the Mayor
And so many people there
My sister and my dad welcomed us home
I collapsed and woke up inside Cherry Knowle.
I weighed seven stone.
A lot of lads said they felt alone
I fell in love with a nurse and made a home
Just up the road.

CREDITS - A GREAT NIGHT OUT

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