Artist's Score (B♭)

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I Like A Joke: But This Is Serious

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Till Ready.

Noice

Bill Pentz was a member of the Countown Squads he was brave as brave could be When we had that argument
The Countown fire dept. on election night chase Bill at their BIG CHIEF He said the honor filled his
Bill didnt like conscription so he joined last week in the Aviation corps He that he'd like to fly with the

with Mexico right at the front was he when the Snipers on the roof took aim and fired Bill almost turned
heart with pride but he knew that it meant grief, thru the stillness of the nite came a shout of fire Bill dashed into the smoke
birds on high and thru the clouds he'd gaily soar an Aviator said come up with me Bill the man did loudly thank

while he ran like a rabbit til he got behind a rock then he prayed with all his might
he was right up on the roof when the ladder slipped then in prayer these words he spoke
when a mile up in the air the engine stopped and the man said get out and crank.

Chorus.

Oh Lord up there on high here I and here I am wont you please do something quick my skin aint puncture proof and they're
Tell em that I'm dyin' like a hero in a book but I do not grave this heat I'm prayin loudly now cause there's
Lord here I am I can't fly and I cant walk was the way Bills prayer did start there is nothin I can see in between the earth and

shootin' from the roof and the climate makes me slick, I on dress parade I'm might brave but I'd rather be at home than
sweat upon my brow and the pavement is a long way from my feet. the uniform you gave me is very nice but I'd trade every stitch for just
the earth and me and the outlook for my health just breaks my heart, terra firma is the stuff that was made to hold one ounce of ice
my feet, up here they aint

down here in a grave my mind says grabe yo gun but my feet says
O Lord above all things let me sprout let us run, I like a joke but this is serious.
No good but on earth they a pair of wings, I like a joke but this is serious
Fit so neat. Jacob let me when I get
Take yo ladder, back I'll Treat I like a joke but this is serious

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