



## Water Over the Dam

Lyrics by R.K. Dawson, Music by H. A. Van Winkle

### VERSE 1

“May the road rise up to meet you...”

It’s a prayer I know I’ll hear.

I can make the road rise, thank you,

I’m with the Corps of Engineers.

I keep my cool with Congress,

I’m not one to blow off steam.

But endless retirement luncheons,

Make me want to scream.

### CHORUS

So just give me one last hooah (HOO-AH!)

And one more Essayons (ES-SAY-ONS!).

For people past and future,

In our castle carved in stone.

When I’m water over the dam,

A long time after I’m gone,

Lights will still be coming on.

Hooah! (HOO-AH!) Essayons! (ES-SAY-ONS!)

### VERSE 2

A few of you will forget me

Before I’m halfway out the door.

But most of you will remember,

Who could ask for anything more?

When I say you’ll remember,

I don’t mean some idle thought.

I’ll come to your mind in troubled times

When you’re taking your best shot.

### BRIDGE

Some leave when they have to,

Some leave when it’s time.

Some run from the clock,

Still in their prime.

Some leave to make room

For diamonds in the rough.

Some leave to fall again

For the one they’ve always loved.

[REPEAT CHORUS]

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Song written and performed in honor of a great soldier and outstanding public servant

Major General Robert H. Griffin.

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