

# Soldier's Song

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I met my enemy today  
Baby sends the little one out to play  
Enemy shot two of my buddies down  
Baby rides the little one on the  
merry-go-round

By my post, I'm standing guard  
Baby hopes for roses in the front yard  
I don't know my enemy's name  
Baby takes the little one to a  
baseball game

Why am I in this God forsaken place?  
Baby washes the dirt off the  
little one's face  
Ten year olds in the killing fields  
Baby's planning the weekly meals

Bodies in a muddy ditch  
Baby's got supper to fix  
My buddy's got a hole in his head  
Baby's getting the little one ready for bed

Today I shot my enemy  
Baby gives the little one a hug for me  
Both my buddy's legs got blown off  
Baby tends to the little one's cough

I stare down the barrel of a gun  
Baby's goin' out to have some fun  
I hear ringing in my ears  
Baby's face is all wet with tears

I hear echoes of shots  
Baby's only thinkin' sweet thoughts  
Why the hell did they send me  
here to fight?  
Baby kisses my picture and turns  
off the light

I can't look my enemy in the eye  
Baby tells the little one, daddy's  
gone bye-bye  
Today I took a bullet through the heart  
Baby's gonna have to make a  
brand new start

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