

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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