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NOTE:

CAPO 1ST FRET , all chord positions are relative to capo.

Eg. **G= G# D=Eb C=C#**

Key of G#

I think? Eric plays it in 4/4 timing, but 3./4 timing works well also. Before you come into the first

try creating a little run on the C chord I tend to do something like pick the B string then the G , D pulloff

a hammer-on , G ,D pulloff. Just anything that will lead you into the first verse.

G D C
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Verse 1

G D C
August in Mildura, and winters on the run,
G D C
D
there?s an early taste of springtime, in the warm mid-morning sun.
G D C
As the men marched past from first to last, the crowds cheer everyone,
Am D Am D
G
and war seems somehow very far away, on this sunny dedication day.

G D C
They marched to a memorial, built by and for their own,
G D C D
a simple wall of remembrance of brick and steel and stone.
G D
C
With the names inscribed of those that died and to those that had made it home,
Am D Am
D
G
with a debt of love and honor to repay, had all gathered there on dedication day.

Chorus

G **D** **C**
It's dedication day,
G **D** **C**
It's dedication day.

Verse 2

G There was a concert held that evening me and others sang our songs,
G **D**
C
D while the boys drank beer and reminisced, laughed and clapped and sang along.
G **D** **C**
 As I was standing there with my guitar, just waiting to go on,
Am
D **Am** **G**
D a man grabbed my arm and said please would you play a, song for my mate Hans
 this dedication day.

Verse 3

G He asked me to sing welcome home, and I saw tears in his eyes, **D** **C**
G **D** **C**
D I knew there was a story there, but I did not want to pry. **G** **D**
C
Am And then he said to me, I want that song you see, for this morning my mate died, **D**
Am
D **G**
 faced with his grief there was nothing I could say, so I sang for Hans on
 dedication day.

Chorus

G	D	C
It's dedication day		
G	D	C
It's dedication day		

(Piano solo)

Verse 4

G D C
They say that Hans took his own life, but I don't know if that's true,
G D C
D

but if it is that's no surprise, too many Vietnam veterans do.

G

D

C

Only those who were there, can know the despair and the pain that he went through,

Am

D

Am

G

for who can understand it more than they, those who knew the cost of dedication day

Verse 5

G

D

C

Though that Asian wars long over, there still burying their dead

G

D

C

D

yet somehow the bond grows stronger, with each broken thread

G

D

C

What poison stole and two hands sold to taint the years ahead

Am

D

Am

D

G

In that war so long ago and far away until they died of wounds on dedication day.

G

D

C

G

D

C

Chorus

G

D

C

It s dedication day

G

D

C

It s dedication day

(Repeat until fade out)

Any corrections or comments would be much appreciated, huntersc75@hotmail.com