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NOTE:

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

Eg. G#= A Eb=E C#=D

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 ${\tt G}$, D pulloff

a hammer-on , ${\tt G}$, ${\tt D}$ pulloff. Just anything that will lead you into the first verse.

G# Eb C# G# Eb C#

Verse 1

G# Eb C#

August in Mildura, and winters on the run,

G# Eb C#

Ek

there?s an early taste of springtime, in the warm mid-morning sun.

G# Eb C#

As the men marched past from first to last, the crowds cheer everyone,

Bbm Eb Bbm

Eb G#

and war seems somehow very far away, on this sunny dedication day.

G# Eb C#

They marched to a memorial, built by and for their own,

G# Eb C#

Eb

a simple wall of remembrance of brick and steel and stone.

G# Eb

C#

With the names inscribed of those that died and to those that had made it home, ${\tt Bbm}$

Eb

G#

with a debt of love and honor to repay, had all gathered there on dedication day.

Chorus

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G#
                        C#
             Eb
It?s dedication day,
                         C#
             Eb
It?s dedication day.
Verse 2
                                                   Eb
                                                                              C#
There was a concert held that evening me and others sang our songs,
G#
         C#
        Eb
while the boys drank beer and reminisced, laughed and clapped and sang along.
                                                                            C#
As I was standing there with my guitar, just waiting to go on,
Bbm
Eb
                         Bbm
                         Eb
                                         G#
 a man grabbed my arm and said please would you play a, song for my mate Hans
this dedication day.
Verse 3
                                                                        C#
                                       Eb
He asked me to sing welcome home, and I saw tears in his eyes,
G#
                                 Eb
   Eb
 I knew there was a story there, but I did not want to pry.
                       G#
                                                             Eb
And then he said to me, I want that song you see, for this morning my mate died,
Bbm
                                                                         Eb
   Bbm
Eb
               G#
faced with his grief there was nothing I could say, so I sang for Hans on
dedication day.
Chorus
G#
            Eb
                         C#
It?s dedication day
            Eb
                         C#
It?s dedication day
(Piano solo)
Verse 4
                                                 Eb
They say that Hans took his own life, but I don?t know if that?s true,
G#
                            Eb
                                                                 C#
       Eb
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but if it is that?s no surprise, too many Vietnam vetrans do.

G#

Eb

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

Bbm Eb

Bbm

G#

C#

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

Verse 5

G# Eb C#

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

G# Eb C#

Eb

yet somehow the bond grows stronger, with each broken thread

G# Eb C#

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

Bbm Eb Bbm

Eb

G#

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

G# Eb C# G# Eb C#

Chorus

G# Eb C#

It s dedication day

G# Eb C#

It s dedication day

(Repeat until fade out)

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