Dedication Day Eric Bogle DEDICATION DAY ERIC BOGLE 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 G , D pulloff a hammer-on , G ,D pulloff. Just anything that will lead you into the first verse. G# Eb C# G# $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{b}$ C# Verse 1 G# Eb C# August in Mildura, and winters on the run, G# C# $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{b}$ Eb 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 G# Eb 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. Eb G# C# With the names inscribed of those that died and to those that had made it home, Bbm Eb Bbm Eb G# with a debt of love and honor to repay, had all gathered there on dedication day.

G# C# $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{b}$ It?s dedication day, G# C# \mathbf{Eb} It?s dedication day. Verse 2 G# $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{b}$ C# There was a concert held that evening me and others sang our songs, G# Eb C# Eb while the boys drank beer and reminisced, laughed and clapped and sang along. C# G# Eb As I was standing there with my guitar, just waiting to go on, Bbm $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{b}$ 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# G# \mathbf{Eb} He asked me to sing welcome home, and I saw tears in his eyes, G# Eb C# Eb I knew there was a story there, but I did not want to pry. G# $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{b}$ C# And then he said to me, I want that song you see, for this morning my mate died, Bbm $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{b}$ 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 G# Eb C# It?s dedication day (Piano solo) Verse 4 Eb C# G# They say that Hans took his own life, but I don?t know if that?s true, G# Eb C# Eb

but if it is that?s no surprise, too many Vietnam vetrans do. G# $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{b}$ C# Only those who were there, can know the despair and the pain that he went through, Bbm $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{b}$ Bbm G# for who can understand it more than they, those who knew the cost of dedication day Verse 5 C# G# Eb Though that Asian wars long over, there still burying their dead G# $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{b}$ C# Eb yet somehow the bond grows stronger, with each broken thread G# C# Eb What poison stole and two hands sold to taint the years ahead Bbm Eb Bbm $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{b}$ G# In that war so long ago and far away until they died of wounds on dedication day. G# $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{b}$ C# G# $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{b}$ C# Chorus G# Eb C# It s dedication day G# Eb C# It s dedication day (Repeat until fade out)

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