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NOTE:

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

Eg. **F= F# C=C# Bb=B**

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.

F C Bb
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Verse 1

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

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

Chorus

F **C** **Bb**
It's dedication day,
F **C** **B**
It's dedication day.

Verse 2

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

Verse 3

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

Chorus

F	C	Bb
It's dedication day		
F	C	Bb
It's dedication day		

(Piano solo)

Verse 4

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

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

F **C**

Bb

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

Gm **C**

Gm

F

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

Verse 5

F **C** **Bb**

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

F

C

Bb

C

yet somehow the bond grows stronger, with each broken thread

F **C** **Bb**

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

Gm **C** **Gm**

C

F

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

F **C** **Bb**

F **C** **Bb**

Chorus

F **C** **Bb**

It s dedication day

F **C** **Bb**

It s dedication day

(Repeat until fade out)

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