

**Dedication Day**  
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NOTE:

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

Eg. **F#**= **G**    **C#**=**D**    **B**=**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.

**F#**   **C#**   **B**  
**F#**   **C#**   **B**

Verse 1

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

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

Chorus

<b>F#</b>	<b>C#</b>	<b>B</b>
It?s dedication day,		
<b>F#</b>	<b>C#</b>	<b>B</b>
It?s dedication day.		

Verse 2

F# C# B  
There was a concert held that evening me and others sang our songs,  
F# C#  
B  
C#  
while the boys drank beer and reminisced, laughed and clapped and sang along.  
F# C# B  
As I was standing there with my guitar, just waiting to go on,  
G#m  
C# G#m  
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#** **B**  
 He asked me to sing welcome home, and I saw tears in his eyes,  
**F#** **C#** **B**  
**C#**  
 I knew there was a story there, but I did not want to pry.  
**F#** **C#**  
**B**  
 And then he said to me, I want that song you see, for this morning my mate died,  
**G#m** **C#**  
**G#m**  
**C#** **F#**  
 faced with his grief there was nothing I could say, so I sang for Hans on  
 dedication day.

Chorus

<b>F#</b>	<b>C#</b>	<b>B</b>
It?s dedication day		
<b>F#</b>	<b>C#</b>	<b>B</b>
It?s dedication day		

(Piano solo)

Verse 4

**F#** **C#** **B**  
 They say that Hans took his own life, but I don?t know if that?s true,  
**F#** **C#** **B**  
**C#**

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

**F#**

**C#**

**B**

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

**G#m**

**C#**

**G#m**

**F#**

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

Verse 5

**F#**

**C#**

**B**

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

**F#**

**C#**

**B**

**C#**

yet somehow the bond grows stronger, with each broken thread

**F#**

**C#**

**B**

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

**G#m**

**C#**

**G#m**

**C#**

**F#**

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

**F#**

**C#**

**B**

**F#**

**C#**

**B**

Chorus

**F#**

**C#**

**B**

It s dedication day

**F#**

**C#**

**B**

It s dedication day

(Repeat until fade out)

Any corrections or comments would be much appreciated, [huntersc75@hotmail.com](mailto:huntersc75@hotmail.com)