

**Dedication Day**  
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NOTE:

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

Eg. A= Bb E=F D=Eb

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.

A E D  
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Verse 1

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

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

Chorus

**A** **E** **D**  
It's dedication day,  
**A** **E** **D**  
It's dedication day.

Verse 2

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

Verse 3

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

Chorus

<b>A</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>D</b>
It's dedication day		
<b>A</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>D</b>
It's dedication day		

(Piano solo)

Verse 4

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

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

**A** **E**

**D**

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

**Bm** **E**

**Bm**

**A**

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

Verse 5

**A** **E** **D**

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

**A** **E** **D**

**E**

yet somehow the bond grows stronger, with each broken thread

**A** **E** **D**

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

**Bm** **E** **Bm**

**E**

**A**

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

**A** **E** **D**

**A** **E** **D**

Chorus

**A** **E** **D**

It s dedication day

**A** **E** **D**

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(Repeat until fade out)

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