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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
A E D

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
A
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 E
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 **E** **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** **A**
E
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.

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

A **E** **D**
It?s dedication day

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

It s dedication day

(Repeat until fade out)

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