

Billy Don't Be A Hero

In Em – orig C#m Play capo 2 – F#m

Harp intro E Harp

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 With run a | --0----0---0----0-4----m
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Em A7 D
The marchin' band came down along main street, The soldier blues fell in behind
 Em A7 D
I looked across and there I saw Billy, Waiting to go and join the line
 Em A Em A
And with her head upon his shoulder, His young and lovely fiancé
 Em A Em A
From where I stood I saw she was cryin', And through her tears I heard her say

D F#m Em
Billy, don't be a hero, don't be a fool with your life
 G D
Billy, don't be a hero, come back and make me your wife
 D F#m G Gm
And as he started to go, she said, Billy keep your head low
 D A D
Billy don't be a hero, come back to me

Em A7 D
The soldier blues were trapped on a hillside, The battle raging all around
 Em A7 D
The sergeant cried, we've got to hang on boys, We've got to hold this piece of ground
 Em A Em A
I need a volunteer to ride up, And bring us back some extra men
 Em A Em A
And Billy's hand was up in a moment, Forgettin' all the words she said
 (chorus)

Em A7 D D
I heard his fiancé got a letter, That told how Billy died that day
 Em A7 D D
The letter said that he was a hero, She should be proud he died that way
 Em A7
I heard she threw the letter away....
 (play harp intro/chorus a couple of times)