

# Memorial Day

Billy Dean

Empty chair up against the bar  
A cold beer and a purple heart  
A picture of a soldier that I never knew  
It's just another vacation day  
For most of us on memorial day  
But not for that K.I.A. in dress blues

And I got to thinkin' to myself

That's someone's brother, someone's son  
A life cut short that just begun  
A model soldier, a marine down to the core  
He got the call, he did his part  
But the part that breaks my heart  
He has to rest in peace on some forgotten shore

And maybe I can do a little more  
To be an American worth dyin' for

An ice chest and a fishin' pole  
A beach blanket and my eight-year-old  
He said, "Dad, this is the best day of my life"  
I took a breath and I said a prayer  
Daddy never goes over there  
In that moment, I felt the weight of the sacrifice

That's someone's daughter, someone's son  
A life cut short that just begun  
I can't go back now to the man I was before  
They got the call, they did their part  
But the part that breaks my heart  
They have to rest in peace on some forgotten shore

And maybe I can do just a little more  
To be an American worth dyin' for  
Worth dyin' for  
Worth dyin' for

They got the call, they did their part  
But the part that breaks my heart  
They have to rest in peace on some god-forsaken shore

Maybe I can do just a little more  
To be an American worth dyin' for  
Worth dyin' for  
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A cold beer and a purple heart  
Thank you Sergeant Ennis