

**A Soldier's Greatest Sacrifice**  
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Hear the men shout, hear the gun roar,  
Soon my life will be over, my name spoken no more.

Listen to the enemy as he draws so near,  
My heart cries out with sadness but I'll show no fear.

I'll go down in bravery with my head held high,  
I'll fight with ever breath--I'll fight until I die.

I want everyone to know I died a proud man,  
I'd give my life again for my motherland.

The government is in a war and I will pay the price,  
I'm going to give my country a Soldier's Greatest Sacrifice.

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