

Billy Don't Be A Hero—Paper Lace

INTRO (**MARCHING**): WHISTLES OVER FIRST 2 AND LAST LINE OF CHORUS

A // // // // **Bm** // // // // **Bm7** // // // // **A** // // // //

Bm **E**
The marchin' band came down along main street

A
The soldier blues fell in behind

Bm **E**
I looked across and there I saw Billy

A
Waiting to go and join the line

Bm **E**
And with her head upon his shoulder

Bm **E**
His young and lovely fiancée

Bm **E**
From where I stood I saw she was cryin'

Bm **E**
And through her tears I heard her say

CHORUS:

A **Bm**
Billy, don't be a hero, don't be a fool with your life

Bm7 **A**
Billy, don't be a hero, come back and make me your wife

A **A7** **Bm** **Dm**
And as he started to go, She said **keep your pretty head lo-ooow**

A **E** **A**
Billy, don't be hero, **come back to me.**

FEMALE VOICE ON **HIGHLIGHTED TEXT**

VERSE 2

Bm **E**
The soldier blues were trapped on a hillside

A
The battle raging all around

Bm **E**
The sergeant cried, We've got to hang on boys!"

A
We've got to hold this piece of ground

Bm **E**
I need a volunteer to ride up,

Bm **E**
And bring us back some extra men,

Bm **E**
And Billy's hand was up in a moment

Bm **E** **E7**
Forgettin' all the words she said...she said.....

CHORUS

VERSE 3 (SLOW)

Bm **E**
I heard his fiancée got a letter

A
That told how Billy died that day

Bm **E**
The letter said that he was a hero

F#m **A**
She should be proud he died that way

F#m **E** **A**
I heard she threw the letter a__ way

OUTRO WHISTLES OVER CHORUS