

Hero of War by Rise Against

Please write any questions or comments you have about the song directly on the lyrics as you listen. This is called "annotating."

He said son, have you seen the world?
 Well, what would you say if I said that you could
 Just carry this gun, you'll even get paid
 I said that sounds pretty good
 Black leather boots
 Spit-shined so bright
 They cut off my hair but it looked alright
 We marched and we sang
 We all became friends
 As we learned how to fight
 A hero of war
 Yeah that's what I'll be
 And when I come home
 They'll be damn proud of me
 I'll carry this flag
 To the grave if I must
 Cause it's a flag that I love
 And a flag that I trust
 I kicked in the door
 I yelled my commands
 The children, they cried
 But I got my man
 We took him away
 A bag over his face
 From his family and his friends
 They took off his clothes
 They pissed in his hands
 I told them to stop
 But then I joined in
 We beat him with guns
 And batons not just once
 But again and again

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 And when I come home
 They'll be damn proud of me
 I'll carry this flag
 To the grave if I must
 Cause it's a flag that I love
 And a flag that I trust
 She walked through bullets and haze
 I asked her to stop
 I begged her to stay
 But she pressed on
 So I lifted my gun
 And I fired away
 And the shells jumped through the smoke
 And into the sand
 That the blood now had soaked
 She collapsed with a flag in her hand
 A flag white as snow
 A hero of war
 Is that what they see?
 Just medals and scars
 So damn proud of me
 And I brought home that flag
 Now it gathers dust
 But it's a flag that I love
 The only flag that I trust
 He said, son, have you seen the world?
 Well what would you say, if I said that you
 could?

| Inferences/Assumptions | Connection |
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| I assume _____ because the text said _____ / Because a character said/did _____, I can assume _____ / I think _____ because _____. | This reminds me of... / This relates to my life because... / ___ makes me think about... / This part makes me remember... / I had a strong connection to this part because... / This is familiar to me because... / This is similar to... |
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