

## David Allen Coe

### "Canteen Of Water"

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I was just out of the service thumbing through the  
classifieds  
when an ad that said old chevy some how caught my  
eye  
the lady didn't know the year or even if it ran  
but I had that thousand dollars in my hand

It was way back in the corner of this old ramshackle  
barn  
thirty years of dust and dirt on that green army tarp  
when I pulled the cover off it took away my breath  
what she'd called a Chevy was a sixty six corvette  
I felt a little guilty as I counted out the bills  
but what a thrill I got when I sat behind the wheel  
I opened up the glove box and that's when I found the  
note  
the date was nineteen sixty six and this is what he  
wrote

(chorus) He said my name is Pvt. Andrew Malone  
if you're reading this then I didn't make it home  
but for every dream that's shattered another one  
comes true  
this car was once a dream of mine now it belongs to  
you  
and though you may take her and make her your own  
you'll always be riding with Pvt. Malone

Well it didn't take me long at all I had her running good  
I love to hear those horses thunder underneath her  
hood  
I had her shining like a diamond and I'd put the rag top  
down  
all the pretty girls would stop and stare as I drove her  
through town  
the buttons on the radio didn't seem to work quite right  
but it picked up that oldie show especially late at night  
I'd get the feeling sometimes if I turned real quick I'd  
see  
a soldier riding shotgun in the seat right next to me

(chorus) It was a young man named Pvt. Andrew  
Malone  
who fought for his country and never made it home  
but for every dream that's shattered another one  
comes true  
this car was once a dream of his back when it was new  
he told me to take her and make her my own  
and I was proud to be riding with Pvt. Malone

One night it was raining hard I took the curve too fast  
I still don't remember much about that fiery crash  
someone said they thought they saw a soldier pull me  
out  
they didn't get his name but I know without a doubt

(chorus) It was a young man named Pvt. Andrew  
Malone  
who fought for his country and never made it home  
but for every dream that's shattered another one  
comes true  
this car was once a dream of his back when it was new  
I know I wouldn't be here if he hadn't tagged along  
that night I was riding with Pvt. Malone  
oh thank god i was riding with Pvt. Malone

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