

## Del McCoury

### "Private"

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He's been the man in every war before  
Fought so brave and nearly froze at Valley Forge  
And in the big war he was the man  
And now in Vietnam we owe a lot to the private

He has the courage of the knights of old  
He's America's strength standing straight and bold  
With gun in hand he is a fightin' man  
A courageous man yes we owe a lot to the private

He takes the gun and he points it straight  
Straight at the heart of the things that free man hates  
We owe a lot to the private

He's some lonely girl's only sweetheart  
And he's some mother's only son  
And he's some father's greatest pride and joy  
Oh that great boy yes we owe a lot to the private

He takes the gun...  
We owe a lot to the private yes we owe a lot to the  
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