

Jimmy Dean

"Oklahoma Bill"

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The General just gave me a medal oh I'm a sight for
mom to see
But when the news gets round that I ain't got ole Bill
Some kids gonna think a whole lot less of me
You see she gave me that puppy and said he'd protect
me through the night
And if I got hurt he'd go for help or he'd back me up in
a fight
He growed all the while I was trainin' forget him I never
will
Cause you'd never see me with right at my heels was
Oklahoma Bill
We hit a long ridge one sunup and it seemed like death
held all the cards
Cause we payed and payed with lives of men for every
hard fought yard
When finally we drove up to the top there wasn't nothin'
but death behind
And as we all dug in we all thanked God though we
numbered only nine
And as the snipers switched their guns as darkness
closed that hill
My soul companion in the night was Oklahoma Bill
There's no glory in a battle once you've seen its awful
cost
But there's glory in the knowledge that your flag is
never lost
And yet in the stillness of the nighttime and all alone
you hold a post
You start cryin' like a baby sittin' there with all the
ghosts
You feel your buddies are pattin' your back though
their guns're silent and still
It's only a dog tryin' to love you my Oklahoma Bill

I gave my note to the Colonel and I bound a shattered
leg
And I said Bill we're sure in trouble he never
whimpered or begged
I could tell he hated to leave me I was the only God he
ever knew
But quick as a flash he took off through the night like a

fightin' marine would do
I kept firin' till help finally came it was him though that
saved that hill
A dyin' dog had got through the lines my Oklahoma Bill
That little ol' kid will always wonder what happened to
her dog
But she'll find out on Judgement Day when she sees the
big Skipper's log
We'll all walk in and bugles'll blow and we'll stand our
last revue
And men who've died for men on earth will get their
heavenly dues
And if all brave hearts are there that day I'll get my
greatest thrill
When I hang this medal around the neck of Oklahoma
Bill

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