Mark Erelli "Seeds Of Peace"

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Intro:

The American flag is tied to a fence on an overpass With a homemade sign written in red, white and blue And it reads "Welcome home, Jason Miller, Private First Class"

And I don't even know him but I'm grateful for any good news

What's become of my country torn by contradiction The spirit of freedom propped up by a culture of fear Where's it's unpatriotic to protest or even to question Have we learned nothing from history or the last couple years

CHORUS:

And the rain pours down
On the fallow ground
And the fruited plain as barren as the sand
Is it not within our will
How long must we wait until
The seeds of peace find purchase in this land

He stood on the deck and he said we'd accomplished our mission

And he twisted the facts 'til he knew it could pass for the truth

Vengeance can fill any fool with conviction But he can't wash the blood of the fallen from his cowboy boots

CHORUS

I will not be shamed into silence by partisan thunder And I won't fall in line and march to the drums on the wind

How many more daughters and sons will we see plowed under

How much longer must we wait 'til the harvest comes in

'Til the sun shines down

On this hallowed ground
And the fruited plain so bountiful and grand
Is it not within our will
How long must we wait until
The seeds of peace find purchase in this land

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