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"Riding With Private Milone"

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I was just out of the service, Thumbing throught the
classifieds, When an ad
that read old Chevy,
Somehow 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 ran-shackled
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 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 thats when I found the
note, The date was 1966 and
this is what he wrote

Chorus:

It said my name is private Andrew Malone, If your
reading this, I never made it
home, But for every dream thats shattered, Another
one comes true, This car was
once a dream of mine now it belongs to you, Though
you may take her and make her
your own, You'll always be riding, With private Malone

Well it didn't take me long at all I had her running
good,
I loved to hear those
horses thunder underneath her hood, I had her shining
like a diamond when I 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 oldies show, Especially late at night, I'd
get the
feeling sometimes if I turned real quick I'd see, a

soilder riding shotgun in the seat
right next to me

2nd Chorus:

It was a young man named private Andrew Malone,
Who fought for his country and
never made it home, But for every dream thats
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, I was proud to be riding, With
private Malone

One night it was raining hard, I took the curve to fast, I
still don't remember
much about that firey crash, Someone said they
thought they saw a soilder pull
me out, They didn't get his name, But I know without a
doubt

Repeat 2nd Chorus

and i knew i wouldn't be here if he hadn't tagged along
Thank God I was Riding, With Private Malone

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