

Bo Donaldson

"Billy, Don't Be A Hero"

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-Artists: Bo Donaldson and the Heywoods from "Super Hits Of the 70's-Have A
-Nice Day-Vol. 13"-Rhino R4 70760
-peak Billboard position # 1 for 2 weeks in 1974
-competing version by Paper Lace also hit # 1 for 1 week
-Words and Music by Mitch Murray and Peter Robin Callander

The marchin' band came down along Main Street
The soldier-blues fell in behind
I looked across and there I saw Billy
Waiting to go and join the line
And with her head upon his shoulder
His young and lovely fiancée
From where I stood, I saw she was cryin'
BRAnd through her tears I heard her say
BR
BR"Billy, don't be a hero, don't be a fool with your life"
BR"Billy, don't be a hero, come back and make me your wife"
BRAnd as he started to go she said "Billy, keep your head lo-o-ow"
BR"Billy, don't be a hero, come back to me"
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BRThe soldier-blues were trapped on a hillside
BRThe battle raging all around
BRThe sergeant cried "We've got to hang on, boys"
BR"We got to hold this piece a'ground"
BR"I need a volunteer to ride up"
BR"And bring us back some extra men"
BRAnd Billy's hand was up in a moment
BRForgettin' all the words she said
BR
BRShe said
BR"Billy, don't be a hero, don't be a fool with your life"
BR"Billy, don't be a hero, come back and make me your wife"
BRAnd as he started to go she said "Billy, keep your

head lo-o-ow"

BR"Billy, don't be a hero, come back to me"

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BR I heard his fiancée got a letter

BR That told how Billy died that day

BR The letter said that he was a hero

BR She should be proud he died that way

BR I heard she threw that letter away

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MILITARY drums and fifes to end

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BR Transcribed by Robin Hood

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recording mentioned above

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other recordings, sheet

BR music, songbooks or lyrics printed on album jackets.

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