

## **Terry Jacks**

# **"Billy Don't Be A Hero"**

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The marching 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 fiance  
From where I stood I saw she was crying and through  
her tears I heard her say

Billy, don't be a hero don't be a fool with your life  
Billy don't be a hero come back and make me your wife  
And as he started to go she said Billy keep your head  
low  
Billy don't be a hero, come back to me

The soldier blues were trapped on a hillside  
The battle raging all around  
The sargent cried we've got to hang on boys  
We've got to hold this piece of ground  
I need a volunteer to ride up and bring us back some  
extra men  
And Billy's hand was up in a moment forgetting all the  
words she said  
She said...

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Billy don't be a hero come back and make me your wife  
And as he started to go she said Billy keep your head  
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I heard his fiance got a letter that told how Billy died  
that day  
The letter said that he was a hero she should be proud  
he died that way  
I heard she threw the letter away...

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