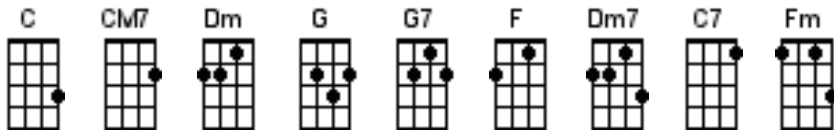


# Billy, don't be a Hero. 1974. Paper Lace.



4/4 time 1 2 3 4 Intro: [C] [C<sup>maj</sup>7] [Dm] [G] [G7] [C] [C]

[Dm] - The marchin' band came [G7] down along Main Street

[C] - The soldier-blues fell [C<sup>maj</sup>7] in behind

[Dm] - I looked across and [G7] there I saw Billy

[C] - Waiting to go and [C<sup>maj</sup>7] join the line

[Dm] - And with her head up-[G7]-on his shoulder

[Dm] - His young and lovely [G7] fiancée

[Dm] - From where I stood I [G7] saw she was cryin'

[Dm/] - And through her [F/] tears I [G7] heard her say:

[C] "Billy, don't be a [C<sup>maj</sup>7] hero, don't be a [Dm] fool with your life [Dm]

[Dm7] Billy, don't be a [G7] hero, come back and [C] make me your wife"[C]

And as [C] Billy started to [C7] go she said: [F] "Keep your pretty head [Fm] low

[C] Billy, don't be a [Dm/] hero, [G/] come back to [C] me" [C]

[Dm] - The soldier-blues were [G7] trapped on a hillside

[C] - The battle raging [C<sup>maj</sup>7] all around

[Dm] - The Sergeant cried "We've [G7] gotta hang on boys,

[C] - We've gotta hold this [C<sup>maj</sup>7] piece of ground

[Dm] - I need a volun-[G7]-teer to ride out

[Dm] - And bring us back some [G7] extra men".

[Dm] - And Billy's hand was [G7] up in a moment

[Dm/] - Forgettin' [F/] all the [G7] words she said. She said

[C] "Billy, don't be a [C<sup>maj</sup>7] hero, don't be a [Dm] fool with your life [Dm]

[Dm7] Billy, don't be a [G7] hero, come back and [C] make me your wife"[C]

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[C] Billy, don't be a [Dm/] hero, [G/] come back to [C] me" [C]

[Dm] - I heard his fianc-[G7]-ee got a letter

[C] - That told how Billy [C<sup>maj</sup>7] died that day

[Dm] - The letter said that [G7] he was a hero

[C] - She should be proud he [C<sup>maj</sup>7] died that way

[Dm] - I heard she threw the [G7] letter (pause) a-[C]-way

[C] [C<sup>maj</sup>7] [Dm] [Dm] [Dm7] [G7] [C] [C]

[C] [C<sup>maj</sup>7] [Dm] [Dm] [Dm7] [G7] [C] [C]