

Elegy to a Fallen Soldier

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Dedicated to Spc. Adam Rosema (died March 2007) & Pfc. Cory Hiltz (died June 2007)*

We follow you with heavy steps behind your casket lifted proudly.

Too young a hero to have fallen so far away and too dear,

Yet to our hearts you are yet so near.

You could not have been braver nor made us more proud,

Yet the hollowness of our hearts bears our tears of unrealized hopes for the years.

Flag unfurled and rifles fired pierce the silence of the grave

And remind us of your courage and your country that has called you brave.

The sound of pipes and bugle bring solemnity and Taps

Reminding us of something more perhaps.

For beyond our mortality stands the eternity of God.

So to rest young Soldier — we salute you — you have faithful been —

It is up to us your battle now to win.

And work and pray for peace as we honour you so that you will not have died in vain.

Stand down brave soldier and now safely rest for the Lord is nigh

And God bless your soul into eternity

And angels hold you in their arms and keep you safe. Amen.



Dr. Gary Dickey piping for Adam Rosema