

A Soldier's Letter

I was sad when I had to leave you.

But I'm doing this to protect you.

"you'll return a hero" the draft man said.

A line that I will never forget.

My friend's demise is all that I saw.

I never realised, the tortures of war.

But I know that one thing is true.

I did it all for you.

We are not heroes, of legends untold.

We are the ones, who did as we're told.

We gave a smile to the people, so it doesn't seem so dark.

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But deep down inside, our hope is torn apart.

“For king and country” the lieutenant calls.

We pray to our gods, that we’ll make it through at all.

My friend’s demise is all that I saw.

I never realised, the horror that’s war.

I’m telling you, that one thing is true.

I did it all for you.

I hear the cries all around, as I’m lying, bleeding on the ground.

I hear the officer call “The war is done!” But I feel no joy.

The dead soldier, lying beside me, he was only a boy.

In the end, I know only one thing is true.

I did it all for you.

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Context and story and all that stuff:

I currently have 4 songs in the works at the time of writing this: No Honour in War,

A Soldier's Letter, Shell Shock and Rise of the Carrier.

This is one is: A Soldier's Letter.

This song was set around the idea of the letters that soldiers would write from the frontline, looking to portray the progression from sad, but determined to broken and confused. The song is set within the trenches of WWI from the perspective of a soldier who is writing home to his family. If I get to the point where I get to release an album it will be called "the effects of war" and focus on subjects like the horrors of war, PTSD and much more.

The idea of putting these 'stories' into song was inspired by the Swedish power metal band "Sabaton". Joakim Broden, The lead singer of Sabaton, was once asked why Sabaton sings about wars, and his response was: "there are so many stories that are being forgotten, so why the F*** should we make up new ones" and for me, I love that answer because of the truth behind it, we are so quick to try and advance that we forget to make sure that we remember our past.

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