

Battle Hymns

Capo 3rd fret

D minor F
Battle hymns for the broken
 B flat A minor
Battle hymns for the misled
 C A
Battle hymns for the wretched
 D minor
The forgotten and the dead
 F
Battle hymns of redemption
 B flat A minor
Of solidarity and pride
 C A
Battle hymns we will be singing
 D minor
At the turning of the tide

D minor F C

D minor
Can you explain to the mothers
 F
And the fathers of those
 C
Who come riding home in coffins
 D minor
In their military clothes
d minor
Shiny medals pinned
 F
To their dead teenage chests
 C
While the trumpets blare
 D minor
And you lie your best

So ask all you want
 F
From the dusk til the dawn
 C
The answer's still no
 D minor
Cause brother I'm gone

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F C A

Can you explain away the sleight of hand
And the criminality
Of spending souls for oil
Well in the mirror I can see
I am the path that leads down
I am a dark and bloody hall
I'm the reaper, executioner
Hangman, judge, and the law
So tie a yellow ribbon
Round the oak tree on the lawn
But the cavalry's not comin'
Cause brother they're gone

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So I'm sharpening my shovel
I'm firing the kiln
I'm blind and I am purposeful
A martyr on the hill
The dream you might be dreaming
Might be someone else's dream tonight
I'm the whisperer of misgivings
I'm the fading tail light
I'm the call for retribution
From the back of the smoke filled hall
I'm the vow of bitterness
I'm the poison in the well
I've a photographic memory
Of the deeds I will avenge
I'm the cold in the river hollow

I've a hatpin, I've a plan
I don't care of cause or consequence
Head shaved and body lean
I'm the go-getter, the score settler
I'm the shadow on the green
There's a flock of blackbirds flying
Nearly ten thousand strong
Who set off this morning
And brother they're gone

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