Soldier's song

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I met my enemy today
Baby sends the little one out to play
Enemy shot until my body's down
Baby rides the little one on the merry-go-round
By my post, I'm standin' guard
And baby hopes for roses in the front yard
I don't know my enemy's name
Baby takes the little one to the baseball game
I'm on this godforsaken place
Baby washes the dirt off the little one's face
Ten year olds in the killing fields
Baby's planning her weekly meals
Bodies in body ditch
Baby's got a supper to fix
My buddy's got a hole in his head
Baby's got the little one ready for bed
Today I shot my enemy
Baby gives the little one a hug for me
Both my buddies' legs got blown off

Baby tends to the little one's cough
I stare down the barrel of a gun
Baby's goin' out to have some fun
I hear ringin' in my ears
Baby's face is all wet with tears
I hear echoes of shots
Baby's only thinkin' sweet thoughts
Why in the hell did they send me here to fight?
Baby kisses my picture and turns off the light
I can't look my enemy in the eye
Baby tells the little one, "Daddy's gone bye-bye"
Today I took a bullet through the heart
Baby's gonna have to make a brand new start
I met my enemy today
Baby sends the little one out to play
Enemy shot 'til my body's down
Baby rides the little one on the merry-go-round

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