Friends In The Armed Forces

Thursday

There's a purple heart on the stars and stripes tonight
It's pinned to the chest of the latest liar
And if you try to speak your mind
They tell you keep it to yourselfYou got friends in the armed forces
They wanna know which side you're on
Doesn't matter 'cause we'll all be offTo train, to fight
Disregard our human rights

To play the part

The conscience of the damnedYou say you're defending me I'm sick of tying yellow ribbons

Praying not to seeAnother folded flag to a mourning lover

He was an army of one but they'll find another

And in the fold of the body bag

You'll find a cheque for a hundred grandYou got friends in the armed forces

Now we know what a soldier costs

It's the cost of the rest of usTo take a life, we all have our price

The wife and kids sleep soundly in their beds

You say you're defending me

I'm untying yellow ribbons

On every single tree I seeThey'll float like butterflies back home

And I can feel the desert's heat

When you're standing next to me

Friendship offers no reliefStay with me now, just hear me out

Don't wanna lose you to that great black cloud

Coming down, you see in the path a bullet makes

When it calls you by your name

And the medic can't play the rhythm of your heartSo it starts to fade like footsteps in the march

The parade passes by our fingertips

As lives once were rightTo change our minds

Everything that's wrong looks right

The lives we lead

Are somewhere in between You say you're defending me

I'm sick of tying yellow ribbons

Praying not to see, we're not going to hell

To run rings around a wishing well

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