

# Billy Don't Be A Hero (Paper Lace)



*Intro: (based on first two lines on chorus)*

**Dm (4) G7 (4) C (4,2) TAB1 Dm**

**TAB1**

**C Dm**

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A |-----|
E |-----|
C |-0---0-1-2-|
G |---4-----|
    
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**TAB2**

**G7 Dm**

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A |-----|
E |-1-0-1-2-3-|
C |-----|
G |-----|
    
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**TAB3**

**Dm Dm**

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A |-----0-----|
E |---0-1-----0-1-|
C |-2-----2-----|
G |-----|
    
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**First notes to sing: D**

**Verse 1:**

**Dm(D) G**  
 The marchin' band came down along main street  
**C TAB1**  
 The soldier blues fell in behind  
**Dm G**  
 I looked across and there I saw Billy  
**C TAB1**  
 Waiting to go and join the line  
**Dm(A) G7**  
 And with her head up-on his shoulder  
**Dm G7 TAB2**  
 His young and lovely fiancé  
**Dm G7**  
 From where I stood I saw she was cryin'  
**Dm G7**  
 And through her tears I heard her say.

**TAB4**

**C C**

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B |-----2-----|
E |-0-1-3---0-1-3-|
D |-----|
A |-----|
    
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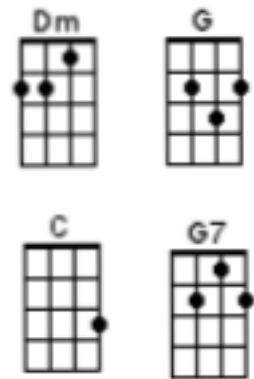
**Chorus:**

**C(E) Dm TAB3**  
 "Billy, don't be a hero, don't be a fool with your life"  
**Dm G C TAB4**  
 "Billy, don't be a hero, come back and make me your wife"  
**C**  
 And as Billy started to go,  
**F Fm**  
 She said "Keep your pretty head low"  
**C Dm G C**  
 "Billy, don't be hero, come back to me."

**TAB1**

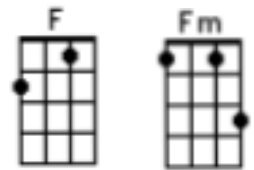
**Verse 2:**

**Dm(D)** **G**  
 The soldier blues were trapped on a hillside  
**C** **TAB1**  
 The battle raging all around  
**Dm** **G**  
 The sergeant cried, "We've got to hang on boys!"  
**C** **TAB1**  
 We've got to hold this piece of ground  
**Dm** **G7**  
 I need a volunteer to ride up,  
**Dm** **G7** **TAB2**  
 And bring us back some extra men,  
**Dm** **G7**  
 And Billy's hand was up in a moment  
**Dm** **G7**  
 Forgettin' all the words she said... she said



**Chorus:**

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**Dm** **G** **C** **TAB4**  
 "Billy, don't be a hero, come back and make me your wife"  
**C**  
 And as Billy started to go,  
**F** **Fm**  
 She said "Keep your pretty head low"  
**C** **Dm** **G** **C**  
 "Billy, don't be hero, come back to me."



**Verse 3: (slowly - single strums)**

**Am** **Dm**  
 I heard his fianc-e got a letter  
**G**  
 That told how Billy died that day  
**Am** **Dm**  
 The letter said that he was a hero  
**Em** **G**  
 She should be proud he died that way  
**Em** **Dm** **G**  
 I heard she threw the letter a-way.

**Outro: (based on first two lines on chorus)**

**C Dm G7 C**