

My Grandfather

When I was born
My grandfather held me in his warm hands
And it seems as though his eyes are teary
But its hard to tell from the old photograph
While my brother and sister
Danced at the feet of his tired and weathered frame
He said "there's a light to this boy I've rarely seen"
And there he gave me my name

My grandfather was a sniper
In the red army
He never knew any brothers in arms
For on both sides stood enemy
With a cold unbroken will to survive
His steady hand took aim
And he drank just enough to keep himself warm
For he never spoke his true name

Am Em *2
Mmmmmm

F G C
mmmmmm

C F
When I was a boy
G C
The summers were ours
F G
He would take me down to the sea
C F G C
He'd stand by the water's edge and watch me go crazy
F Em G
As the gentle waves rolled in
Am Am/G Am Am/F#
Looking back I wonder how he must have felt
F G
Watching me running so free
C F G C
All the years in his life he wished he could forget
F G C
Did he look at the world through me

Mmmmm

C F
When I was a man
G C
I flew across the ocean
F G
When I heard he needed care
C F G C
I listened as he spoke of his turbulent life

F Em G

From his ordinary chair

Am Am/G

And he ended by saying

Am Am/F#

“I’ve had enough

F G

The time has come for me to go

C F G C

I have only one wish that is left in me

F G C

To be taken peacefully”

mmmmmm

C F G C

Just before I was due to marry

F G

I heard he could not walk anymore

C F

It was then he gave up fight

G C F Em G

I had said goodbye almost one year before

Am Am/G Am Am/F#

And I’ll never forget something he told me

F G

“Yes it’s a cruel world but you must live without fear”

C F G C

Well I sure do miss my grandfather

F G C

He’s the reason why I’m here

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