

Good Christian Soldier

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C *G7* *C* *C*
Not so long ago in Oklahoma
G *G7* *C* *C7*
The son of an Okie preacher knelt to pray
F *F* *C* *C*
He said Lord I wanna be a Christian soldier just like you
D *D7* *G* *G7*
And fight to build a new and better day

C *G7* *C* *C*
Now many years and miles from Oklahoma
G *G7* *C* *C7*
That same young Okie boy still kneels to pray
F *F* *C* *C*
But he don't pray to be no Christian soldier anymore
C *G7* *C* *C7*
He just prays to make it through another day

F *F* *C* *C*
Cause it's hard to be a Christian soldier when you tote a gun
F *F* *C* *C*
And it hurts to have to watch a grown man cry
F *G* *C*($\frac{1}{2}$) *C/B*($\frac{1}{2}$) *Am*($\frac{1}{2}$) *Am/G*($\frac{1}{2}$)
But we're playin' cards writin' home havin' lots of fun
Dm *Dm7* *G* *G7*
Telling jokes and learning how to die

Now the things I've come to know seem so confusin'
It's gettin' hard to tell what's wrong from right
I can't separate the winners from the losers anymore
And I'm thinking of just giving up the fight

Cause it's hard to be a Christian soldier when you tote a gun
And it hurts to have to watch a grown man cry
But we're playin' cards writin' home ain't we hadn't fun
Turning on and learning how to die