

# Jim Reeves, Rodger Young

(Spoken)

On July 31st 1943 a bloody round in the battle for the Solomon Islands was being fought in the tangled Jungle of the island of New Georgia.

This is the story of one of the young men who fought And died there.

This song is respectfully dedicated to those heroic Infantrymen who like Rodger Young have sacrificed Their lives that their nation might remain forever free.

(Sang)

Caught in ambush lay a company of riflemen  
Just grenades against machine guns in the gloom  
Caught in ambush till this one of twenty riflemen  
Volunteered, volunteered to meet his doom.

Volunteered, Rodger Young,  
Fought and died for the men he marched among  
In the everlasting courage of the infantry  
Was the courage of Private Rodger Young.

On the island of New Georgia in the Solomons  
Stands a simple wooden cross alone to tell  
That beneath the silent coral of the Solomons  
Sleeps a man, sleeps a man remembered well.

Sleeps a man, Rodger Young,  
Fought and died for the men he marched among  
In the everlasting glory of the infantry  
Lives the story of Private Rodger Young...