

# Jimmy Dean, Oklahoma Bill

The General just gave me a medal oh I'm a sight for mom to see  
But when the news gets round that I ain't got ole Bill  
Some kids gonna think a whole lot less of me  
You see she gave me that puppy and said he'd protect me through the night  
And if I got hurt he'd go for help or he'd back me up in a fight  
He growed all the while I was trainin' forget him I never will  
Cause you'd never see me with right at my heels was Oklahoma Bill  
We hit a long ridge one sunup and it seemed like death held all the cards  
Cause we payed and payed with lives of men for every hard fought yard  
When finally we drove up to the top there wasn't nothin' but death behind  
And as we all dug in we all thanked God though we numbered only nine  
And as the snipers switched their guns as darkness closed that hill  
My soul companion in the night was Oklahoma Bill  
There's no glory in a battle once you've seen its awful cost  
But there's glory in the knowledge that your flag is never lost  
And yet in the stillness of the nighttime and all alone you hold a post  
You start cryin' like a baby sittin' there with all the ghosts  
You feel your buddies are pattin' your back though their guns're silent and still  
It's only a dog tryin' to love you my Oklahoma Bill  
I gave my note to the Colonel and I bound a shattered leg  
And I said Bill we're sure in trouble he never whimpered or begged  
I could tell he hated to leave me I was the only God he ever knew  
But quick as a flash he took off through the night like a fightin' marine would do  
I kept firin' till help finally came it was him though that saved that hill  
A dyin' dog had got through the lines my Oklahoma Bill  
That little ol' kid will always wonder what happened to her dog  
But she'll find out on Judgement Day when she sees the big Skipper's log  
We'll all walk in and bugles'll blow and we'll stand our last revue  
And men who've died for men on earth will get their heavenly dues  
And if all brave hearts are there that day I'll get my greatest thrill  
When I hang this medal around the neck of Oklahoma Bill