

The Ones They Left Behind

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Verse 1:

It was thirty years ago; And she didn't even know
The sacrifice she'd given on that day
She was just a little babe; When the awful price was paid
In a foreign land half a world away
She kneels at a graveside and lays flowers
For a man she hasn't even seen
She paid freedoms price with her daddy
Lets remember them honor and give thanks

Chorus:

To the ones they left behind; We can't know their sacrifice
As we celebrate our freedom; Let's remember it's not free
It's paid everyday; By the ones they left behind

Verse 2:

He remembers the joy; When God gave him his boy
And the pride he felt as he became a man
Then duty called one day; His little boy went away
To a battlefield in a foreign land
In his bedroom on a stand sits Old Glory
Neatly folded as the day it was received
He'd taught his son to serve this land with honor
Now let's thank the ones who bought our liberty

Repeat Chorus

Bridge:

When freedoms call rang out their loved ones answered
For they knew liberty had a price
From a nation who still owes a debt of gratitude
Let's thank the ones who gave their sacrifice

Repeat Chorus

Tag:

It's paid everyday; a sacrifice is made
It's paid everyday; By the ones they left behind