

Permanent Twilight (bluegrass version)

C **F** **C**
Though my name is important you can pay it no mind
Bflat **G**
Till I'm sipping the breeze on those streets there outside
C **F** **Bflat** **C**
But today's like the day that's just gone before
Bflat **C**
As I lay frozen, quiet on this fifth V.A. floor

C **F** **C**
We were stationed in Bazra on our Captain's orders
Bflat **G**
In a forcible change of some government's borders
C **F** **Bflat** **C**
When I lay down my boot on a hidden tick mine
Bflat **C**
N' the shrapnel near blind me as it severed my spine

G **C**
My comrades, though wounded, did carry me back
G **C**
To a surgical unit not safe from attack
C **F** **C**
Thru the heat & the dust & the dirt & the wind
Dm Bflat C
Then they turned & went back to the battle again

C **F** **C**
I would march if I could to the sound of the guns
Bflat **G**
But I can't move a muscle to walk or to run
C **F** **C**
& though perceptive to light I can't see you at all
(Dm?) Bflat C
Yet here in my darkness I still watch comrades fall

C **F** **C**
From the halls of Montezuma, to the shores of Tripoli

I would fight my country's battles if only I could see
C F Bflat C
If God gave me back my vision & they'd give me back my gun
Bflat C
Then I would will my body to any war we needed won

G C
But your days are my evenings, your mornings my nights
G C
My time is now spent in a permanent twilight
F C
I'm pleased that you'd visit tho' you know I can't stand
Dm Bflat C
Tho' my looks may deceive you this soldier's still a man

C F C
Though my name is important you can pay it no mind
Bflat G
Till I'm outside these walls on the streets feeling fine
C F Bflat C
But today's like the day that's just gone before
Bflat C
As I lay frozen, quiet on this hospital floor

G C
Now all you young ramblers who think you're so fine
G C
N' your country's so noble its rivers run wine
F C
Remember the man whose days are his nights
C Bflat C
And the land mine that gave me permanent twilight
Dm Bflat C
Permanent twilight