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American Soldier by Toby Keith

Notes

1 I'm just trying to be a father 1.1 Where do we see the father with his children?  
2 Raise a daughter and a son 1.2 Why is his family important to him?  
3 Be a lover to their mother  
4 Everything to everyone 1.4 Who is “everyone”?   
5 Up and at 'em bright and early  
6 I'm all business in my suit 1.6 What is his business “suit”?  
7 Yeah, I'm dressed for success  
8 From my head down to my boots

9 I don't do it for money 1.9 If not the money, why is he working this job?  
10 There's bills that I can't pay  
11 I don't do it for the glory 1.10 Would you do a job (sport or activity) without any  
12 I just do it anyway glory? What “job” is worth it to you?  
13 Providing for our future's my responsibility  
14 Yeah I'm real good under pressure  
15 Being all that I can be

16 And I can't call in sick on Mondays  
17 When the weekend's been too strong 2.17 How can a weekend “be strong”?  
18 I just work straight through the holidays  
19 And sometimes all night long  
20 You can bet that I stand ready  
21 When the wolf growls at the door  
22 Hey, I'm solid, hey I'm steady  
23 Hey I'm true down to the core

24 And I will always do my duty  
25 No matter what the price  
26 I've counted up the cost  
27 I know the sacrifice  
28 Oh, and I don't want to die for you  
29 But if dyin's asked of me  
30 I'll bear that cross with honor 2.30 What does it mean to “bear a cross”?  
31 'Cause freedom don't come free

32 I'm an American soldier, an American  
33 Beside my brothers and my sisters  
34 I will proudly take a stand  
35 When liberty's in jeopardy  
36 I will always do what's right 3.36 Explain “what’s right’? Who decides what is  
37 I'm out here on the front lines right?  
38 Sleep in peace tonight  
39 American soldier  
40 I'm an American soldier

41 Yeah, an American soldier, an American  
42 Beside my brothers and my sisters  
43 I will proudly take a stand  
44 When liberty's in jeopardy  
45 I will always do what's right  
46 I'm out here on the front lines 3.46 Where is the “front line”?  
47 So sleep in peace tonight  
48 American soldier  
49 I'm an American  
50 An American  
51 An American soldier

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After watching the music video, fill in this worksheet.

*By Toby Keith*

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|  | **Soldier of Today** | | **Soldier of the Past** | |
| **Describe the exposition to the music video.** |  | |  | |
| **Compare “dressed up for success.” What do the soldiers do to prepare for “work”?** |  | |  | |
| **Compare “providing for our future.” Who is in the future?** |  | |  | |
| **Describe the interaction between the two soldiers on the bus.** |  | |  | |
| **“I just work through the holidays.”**  **What are the sacrifices of the soldier’s family members?** |  | |  | |
| **What is the “duty no matter what the price”? What is the ultimate sacrifice?** |  | |  | |
| **What is the symbolism of the fence?** |  | |  | |
| **Where does Toby Keith perform his song? Why did he chose this location?** |  | |  | |
| **Which wars are represented in the music video?** | | **War** | | **Digital Evidence – Scene symbols** |
| **Video @ 0:48 (man at tree)** | |  | |  |
| **Video @ 1.06 (soldier on bus)** | |  | |  |
| **Video @ 1:30 (soldier with helmet)** | |  | |  |
| **Video @ 2:50 (charging up a hill)** | |  | |  |
| **Video @ 2:56 (sitting in a foxhole)** | |  | |  |
| **Video @ 3:05 (soldier helping another)** | |  | |  |
| **Video @ 3:13 (writing letter home)** | |  | |  |
| **Video @ 3:25 (family at airstrip)** | |  | |  |

**The most powerful scene is this music video is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**This scene changes the tone of the music video because it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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