

## **Ballad of the Green Beret**

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Fighting soldiers from the sky  
Fearless men who jump and die  
Men who mean just what they say  
The brave men of the Green Beret

Silver wings upon their chest  
These are men, America's best  
One hundred men will test today  
But only three win the Green Beret

Trained to live off nature's land  
Trained in combat, hand-to-hand  
Men who fight by night and day  
Courage peak from the Green Berets

Silver wings upon their chest  
These are men, America's best  
One hundred men will test today  
But only three win the Green Beret

Back at home a young wife waits  
Her Green Beret has met his fate  
He has died for those oppressed  
Leaving her his last request

Put silver wings on my son's chest  
Make him one of America's best  
He'll be a man they'll test one day  
Have him win the Green Beret.