

# Forged By Fire

Hank Williams Jr.

It was hard for him to get out of bed  
When the phone rang sleepy eyed she said  
Charlie's drunk again  
Why don't you just let it ring?

Through the years he'd always picked it up  
For the guy who came back and saved his butt  
What they have in common is a brotherhood  
So few could understand

They were forged by fire  
Hard times you get beyond  
Give you an unbreakable bond

Forged by fire  
When you pray to God, beat the odds  
And you walk through hell together  
You're forever forged by fire

The young GI said from his VA bed  
Why you wanna hang out with us broken men  
While you could be spending your time  
With your family and friends

He told him son, you're family too  
I see myself when I look at you  
In a place and time you don't forget  
So even though we've just met

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You're forever forged

He said goodbye GI, see you next week  
He rolls himself out to the street  
Pretty hard for him to get up in that van  
And throw the wheelchair in the back

He was headed home ready to unwind  
When Charlie called, can you help me one more time?  
He said Chuck, I'll be there on the double  
For a brother, it's no trouble

When you're forged by fire  
Hard times you get beyond  
Iraq, Korea or ...

Forged by fire  
From Iwo Jima to Afghanistan  
We're talking about the American fighting man

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