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[Intro]
Am E C G Dm C E Am Am Am
[Verse]
          E
                    С
Tears by the firelight, he won't be home tonight
The Royal order reached him now to fight for the land
     E C
Eyes at the window-pane, staring through pouring rain
All the room is cold and grey, the fire burns bright
        G
Every night there is no one beside
         C Dm
She's counting the hours, the memories burn
Day after day all her thoughts slip away
              G
She waits for the one to return
Almost a year has gone, the battles are raging on
She has got no sign of life, no news at all
She wants to know his stand far in the foreign land
    С
                     G
For King and Country he has left, the King's sleeping tight
                G
Every night there is no one beside
                C Dm
She's counting the hours, the memories burn
Am C G
Day after day all her thoughts slip away
               G
She waits for the one to return
         E
                    С
Tears by the firelight, he won't be home tonight
Sparks of hope begin to glow, the end of the war
Church-bells proclaim the peace, they welcome the returnees
      С
"The victory is ours!" but she thinks, "What's mine?"
                G
Every night there is no one beside
           С
                    Dm
She's counting the hours, the memories burn
Am C G
Day after day all her thoughts slip away
She waits for the one to return
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Words black as grave's ground, seals red as blood

Am C G Am

By the light, life's found an end

G F

The parchment is still in her hand

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