

# A Country's Blank Check

Last Year Heart Speaks Full Metal Jacket

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A Country  
They ask you to die for  
You sign a blank check  
You go in for reasons  
All different, yet the same  
You don't know  
In the beginning  
Just how much  
Your own check will be  
But  
Nevertheless  
You pay a price  
We all do  
Some recognize the cost  
While others don't  
Deep down you know  
In your heart  
It will always be there  
A Country  
That asks a lot  
Almost feels like a ton  
A heavy weight  
A burden all unto its own  
You delivered, you performed  
You gave, we gave, all gave  
If you come back  
You need help  
Why is it made so hard  
Shouldn't it be  
A blank check for a blank check  
But I guess  
It doesn't work that way  
Why It doesn't I'll never know  
But what I do know  
Is if you are good enough  
To die for a Country  
A Country that asks a lot  
You should get that much back  
In return, in one way or another  
A blank check for a blank check

