

LEGACY

First Released: 2002

The setting is unforgettable: Internationally renowned Canadian tenor John McDermott is singing at a Remembrance service for veterans.

His haunting lyrics say: *Old soldiers never die, they say. They just fade away.* Then one stanza later he says: *Did you think that we'd forget you?*

The song answers the question most often asked of war veterans as we reach our final years. That question? Who is going to carry on the tribute and its penetrating NEVER AGAIN! message?

John McDermott sang the song. It is the privilege of The War Amps to provide the visuals.

In one memorable scene, John McDermott refers to the empty table, *"to honour comrades lost."* Veterans will recognize the word picture. We were able to film the scenario. The War Amps are holding their Armistice Dinner. In front of the presiding officer is a table setting. It is complete except for the missing element. This table marks the place of a soldier who lies buried in some foreign field.

Awards:

Platinum Award – 2003 Worldfest-Houston (Texas)

Silver Award – 2002 Mercury Awards (New York)



**Internationally
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Winning**

Legacy

(Performed by John McDermott)

Old soldiers never die they say
They just fade away

And did you think that we'd forget you
And that your memory would soon fade
That the passing years would rob you
Of your place in history's page
Did you think we'd scorn your sacrifice
And find no honour in the debt
When your lives paid our freedom's price
How then could we forget?

And that's their greatest Legacy
The freedom we hold yet
We never can repay them
And we never should forget

Did you think we'd take for granted
All you fought to keep alive
That the seed your courage planted
Would struggle to survive
When mothers, fathers, daughters, sons
Gave their blood and tears and sweat
To nourish a peace so dearly won
How then could we forget?

And that's their greatest Legacy
The freedom we hold yet
We never can repay them
And we never should forget

There's an empty table here tonight
To honour comrades lost
To remind us all, that liberty's light
Cannot burn without a cost
So carve their names on granite walls
With sorrow, love and pride
But their greatest monument of all
Is this dear land for which they died

And that's their greatest Legacy
The freedom we hold yet
We never can repay them
And we never should forget

Long may old glory fly
O'er the land of the free
You gave of your best
Now old soldier rest
And pass the flag to me.