



ROB GEORG - WHEN I MAKE IT HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

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Rob Georg

When I Make It Home For Christmas
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Kristin K. Smith and Rob Georg asked themselves the following question: "Does the world need another Christmas song? They agreed the answer was yes. The duo also thought they wanted to incorporate the idea of a soldier who was far away from home, was missing his family and wanted to come home on their song "When I Make It Home For Christmas."

Musically, the song revolves around acoustic guitar, orchestral synths, drums and more. The vocalist has a classic country style of singing. It's a very straightforward song and I would classify it as pop/country song.

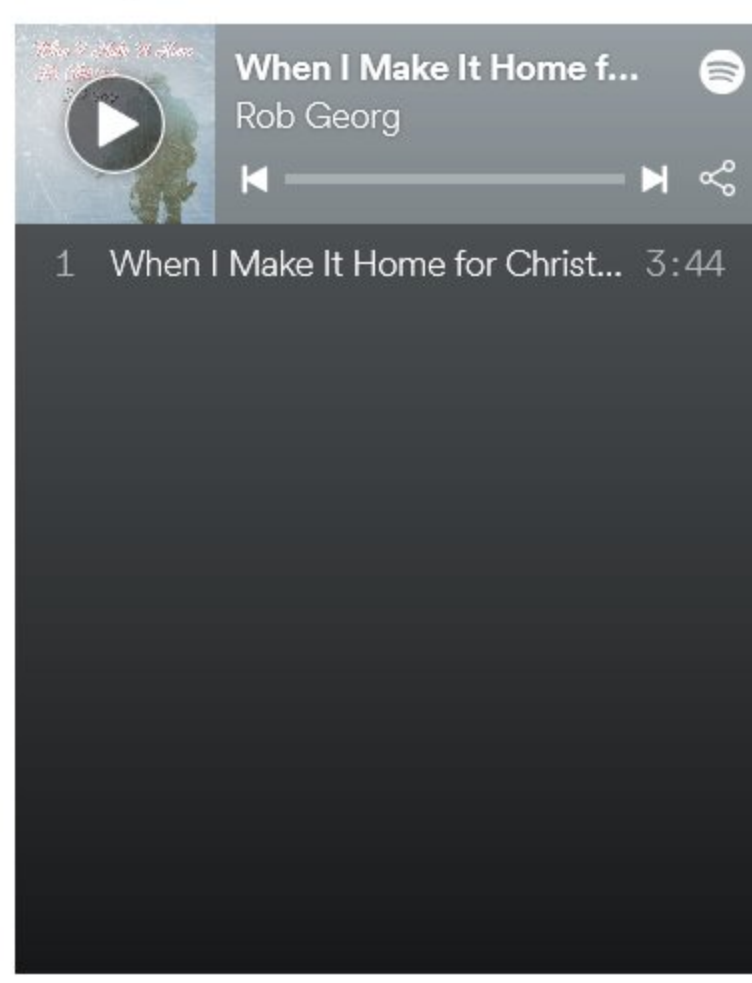
The lyrics are also very straightforward with no sort of ambiguity. He sings, "You will find all your wishes right here in my heart / we will dance by the fire, celebrate life as I cover you in kisses."

This song is full of sentiment and plays into nostalgia and reflection. It sounds like a Hallmark card in song form. Warm, sweet and hopeful despite the underbelly of melancholy. The song sounds like it would be playing a video montage in an A&E movie about this idea. Can't you picture the protagonist coming and surprising his kids and wife and then they all share a piece of pie by the fire? That being said this song is supposed to be from the soldier's perspective so essentially this song is a dream. He is still fighting overseas according to the notes I read.

My interpretation was this song might be a lot darker than what's on the surface because you really don't get a conclusion to the dream. The brutal reality of war is that not everyone gets to come home. Some people don't even have a family to come home to and snuggle with after they are done. Of course one song is going to have a hard time portraying how complex and how many different storylines happen when someone is giving service to their country. That is just my personal perspective and where my mind went when thinking about the storyline. Suffice it to say I hope his dream became a reality.

The writers also wanted to make sure that the song had a "Thanks for your service" vibe. And yes that is in there for sure although the lyrics really are more about yearning to be with your loved ones and being homesick. On that note I think both sentiments are important so listen to and share.

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