

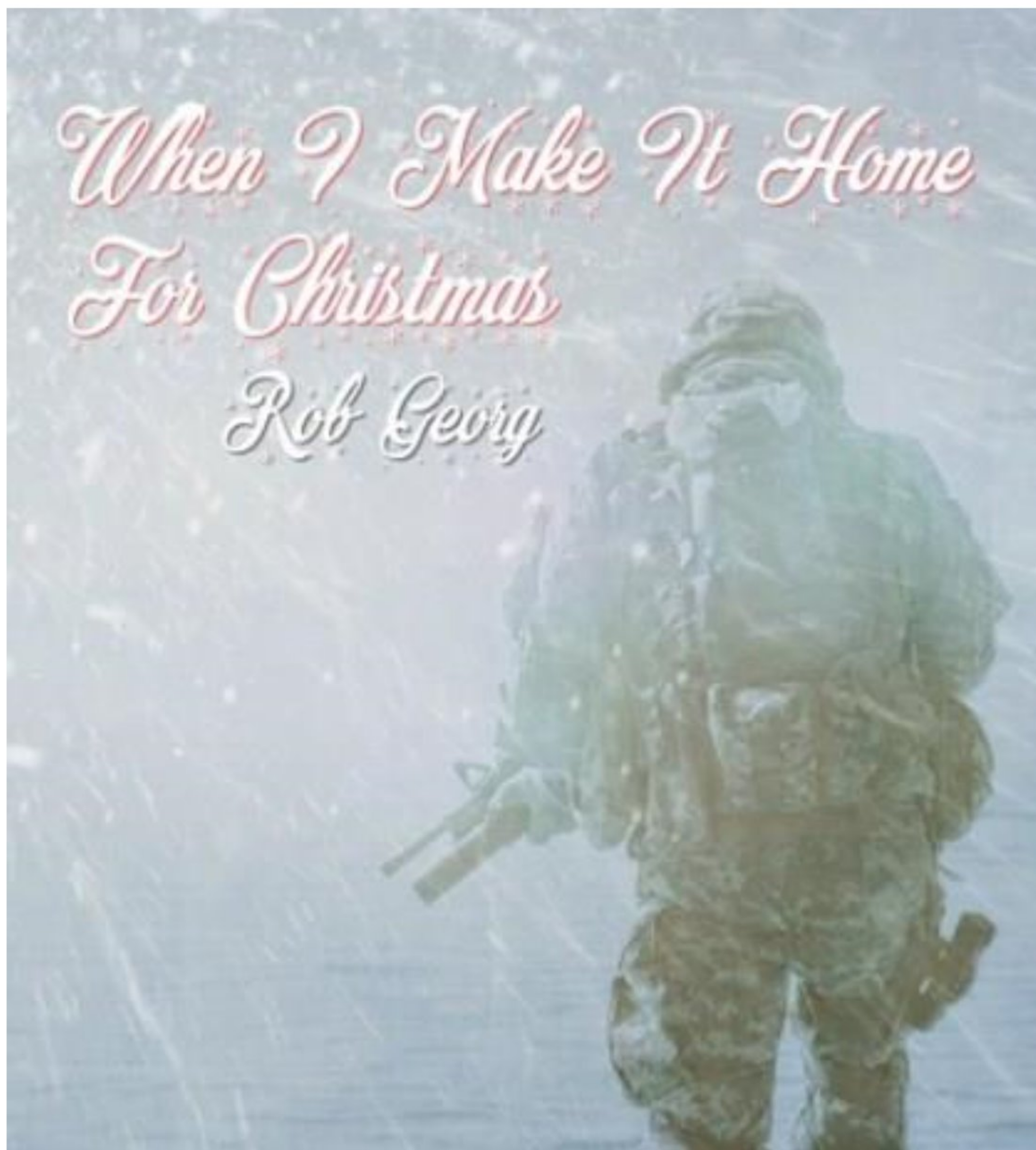
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"When I Make It Home for Christmas" by Rob Georg

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With a rustic acoustic guitar's pleasant harmony to lead the way, country singer Rob Georg pays tribute to his fellow veterans in the poetic "When I Make It Home for Christmas," a holiday ballad with a patriotic narrative that Americans need to consider this winter season. Georg dispenses a beautiful lead vocal in his trademark pastoral croon here, and while the instrumental melodies that he directs are quite spellbinding in their own right, I found his verses, as blunt and homespun as they come, to be the true bread and butter of this single. "When I Make It Home for Christmas" is a personal track for this singer/songwriter, and for some, it's a deeply relatable story sung by someone who knows its central characters better than most do.

The guitar parts here are easily as communicative as any other component of the track is, and I like that they aren't buried in a lot of unnecessary bells and whistles in the mix. If there's one thing that Georg is particularly good at in comparison to his mainstream Nashville contemporaries, it's creating a strong balance between his words and the music that accompanies them, and this latest recording is as fine an example of his talents as any he's released thus far.

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All of the string elements in "When I Make It Home for Christmas" complement Rob Georg's vocal brilliantly, but there's just as much to be said about the mood created by their collective rhythm here as well. The tempo is a bit pendulous, but it yields a tension that finds a bittersweet catharsis in the chorus, making every second part of the music feel emotionally-charged and genuine. I haven't been able to say that about a lot of country ballads this year, let alone one as specifically tailored for the Christmas holiday as this one is.

"When I Make It Home for Christmas" is a wonderful addition to Rob Georg's growing discography as well as any seasonal soundtrack in need of a little country warmth, and I'd be surprised if I was the only critic saying as much this December. Georg turns in a meaningful song that celebrates both the spirit of Christmas as well as the experience of those who protect our American freedoms, and I for one think it's one of the more thoughtful ballads to debut out of his scene all year long. There's a lot of good music coming out right now, but this track is definitely worth checking into whether you're a country fan or not.

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