Only A Hero - song lyrics

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ONLY A HERO.
By John Hayes.

See the moon, how dim it shines, silently and grave,
O'er a tombstone in a graveyard where a soldier lays;
It was while in battle a bullet pierced his heart.
While fighting for his country like a hero did depart.

Chorus.
Only a hero in slumber does sleep.
No friends to remember, no mother to weep;
He has gone with his comrades-far. far away,
So don't pass the grave where a hero does lay.

The birds at sunrise flock around, a song they sweetly sin?,
Their echoes fill the land with joy and make the woodlands ring;
Not a flower or a rosebud upon his grave does bloom.
In sorrow deep there's none to weep but the birds and the pale moon.- Chorus.