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Inspired by the address given by Wing Commander Sharon Bown before the Anzac Day Dawn Service, 2014 at the Australian War Memorial

Extraordinary Strangers

(The Thank you Song)

1. Shoulder to shoulder united together
We will remember them at evening and dawn
The last post, then silence I stand here to honour
Those who've been buried and those who gave all.

We're Gathered together with ordinary strangers,
Lest we forget those who died and have served
But what about those Extraordinary strangers
Still living and giving so our freedom's preserved

Chorus

**I say thank you for serving our nation
Instead of a poppy, let me give you my hand
You are my hero and my inspiration
To step up as a leader and serve our great land.**

2. As dawn sheds her light on a face right beside me
An Extraordinary stranger (Aussie) stands silently there
Broken from years of protecting our freedom
Risking it all for the land that we share

Though I won't find your name in the hall of remembrance
Your sacrifice and service mean everything to me
Right here and right now I honour your presence
And the price that you've paid so that I can be free

Chorus

3. Pain isn't easy to put into words
And the scars that you bear I can't always see
Daily those battles of mind they can haunt you
But you bear that pain so that I can be free.

May you one day find courage to emerge from the darkness
To proudly stand tall as my hero and mate,
You're the Spirit of Anzac living here right among us
You fought for my safety for peace and for right.

Chorus

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