

Military Poems

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Dedication

This book is dedicated to our veterans and all that they have done for our country.

About the author

I am a registered nurse that has been caring for veterans for over 10+ years, and I wrote these poems based on the stories they have shared with me.

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As I lay me down to sleep
Pray the lord my soul to keep
A beautiful prayer always said
You are off fighting a war instead
I lay here a lone thinking of you
Alone in a place with friends far and few
Say your prayers before patrol
Come back alive is your only goal
As I lay me down to sleep
Pray the lord my soul to keep
Bring him home safe to me
Let him fight for innocents to be free
Back from patrol still in one piece
I continue to pray for the war to cease
One day soon you will come home
So I don't have to lay here a lone.
As I lay me down to sleep
Pray the lord my soul to keep
You heard my prayer and he is home
Thank you God I am not a lone

PICTURES

Pictures of you on the wall
I see you in uniform standing tall
I sit and listen to the stories you tell
Landing on the beach and going through hell
Listening to you talk like it was yesterday
Me sitting and hanging on every word you say
Reminiscing about your buddies long ago
Sadness in your voice, the pain that you show
Some never made it home, you will never forget
You remembering everything about them I bet
Proud to have served your country, you show it well
Stories you continue to tell
Remembering all those who fell
A proud Marine you remain
No soldier is ever the same
Pictures of you from a time long ago
That Marine Corp spirit you continue to show
Wonderful stories you tell continue to flow
Stories of bombs exploding, and you loading ammo
A smile grows as you look at your photo
Pictures of you on the wall
A proud Marine says it all

COME HOME

You promised me that you would come home
SO many nights I sit here alone
Until the day they knocked on the door
My legs gave out, I hit the floor
You promised me that you would come home
Now I will raise our child alone
My heart is broken beyond repair
I sit alone, look out the window and stare
I visit your grave everyday
Sit in silence, close my eyes and pray
A peaceful calm, relieves my tears
Your my angel now, you'll protect my fears
I lay a rose upon your grave
Another year without you, your love I crave
Everyday I try so hard to be brave.
I look at your picture, you said you would come home.

A Soldier's Life

As the sun rises, bodies stir
Yesterdays adventures one big blur
Scary dreams, screaming voices
Battles fought without choices
Mind racing, body numb
Boots on the floor, pickup my gun
Another patrol lives on the line
No going without my canine
Walking the streets eyes all around
Bullets fly, hit the ground
Innocents screaming running scared
Stand up and fight, soldiers dare
A soldiers life is beyond compare
Mind racing, body numb
Hands and fingers tight on my gun
As the sun sets, the day winds down
Soldiers boots still on the ground
Sitting on their racks, take a deep breath
Another day done, survived death
Laying down, eyes closed and eerie calm
Body numb, mind racing waiting for dawn

Another Attack

Another attack, innocents die
So many asking questions why
Terrorize the world until we believe
Your religion is better than being free
Another attack, we will fight
We are free, we earned that right
Sadness looms on this day
For those who perished we pray
This violence and terror needs to stop
We will fight until the last free man drops
You will never be a martyr in your time
Pray you survive to be punished for your crimes
Another attack, so many innocents die
Burning wreckage, sirens wale
Rescuers arrive without fail
Broken bodies, shattered lives,
Another fight to survive.

Another Holiday Away from Home

Charlie Brown tree in the corner by the food
Christmas carols to lighten up the mood
Another Christmas away from your home
Hot turkey dinner ~ you are not alone !

Your brothers and sisters ~ all smile and pray
And trust that you will all come home one day
Lord knows you've all been away for a while
Christmas hats ~ candy canes ~ will make you smile !

Care package from home with presents you spy
Tears run down my face ~ I can't help but cry
Our Christmas tree stays up til you come home
Family pictures remind you ~ you're not alone !

Happiness flows to you ~ this Christmas day
Thank's for your service ~ is what we all say !

Battle After Battle

Battle after battle
Fight after fight
Throughout the day
And into the night
House by house
Street by street
Hiding behind burned out cars
Soldiers stay on their feet
Step by step, door to door
Abandoned homes, soldiers sleep on the floor
Battle after battle
Fight after fight
Soldiers pray for a quiet night
Afraid to sleep, stay awake
Enemies in the shadows, ready to fight
Soldiers stay out of sight
Battle after battle
Fight after fight

Battlefield Cross

Helmet on top, rifle stuck in the ground, boots at its base

So much sadness on their faces

Dog tags hang with names of the lost

Dirty boots to show their final walk

Young men who paid a high cost

Friends kneel before them to say goodbye

So sad to see grown men cry

Battlefield cross shows honor and respect

So their buddies never forget

The cross lets their friends mourn

As "Taps" is played on the horn

"Fallen but not forgotten" some memorials say

Many soldiers live to fight another day

"As my brothers did for me" one tattoo said

One saying I will never get out of my head

Battlefield Cross a symbol no soldier forgets

BATTLES

Battles fought a life time ago
So for you to let your pain show
Remembering the days you try so hard to forget
I can see you are filled with so much regret
No one understands what you've been through
Only others who are soldiers like you
You fought for our country without fail
American flag over his coffin, his wife's black veil
Sacrifices made from every women and man
Fighting for freedom as hard as they can
Battles fought a life time ago
Time to let all that pain, go
We teach our children about the sacrifices you made
Their eyes wide open about the price soldiers paid
Questions asked about the battles won
You remember watching the rising sun
From a fox hole on top of a hill
Memories sent a big chill
Battles fought a lifetime ago

Broken bodies, Battered Souls

Broken bodies and battered souls
Some young, many very old
Fought for their country to give us freedom
Fought for their country to give us peace
Unable to escape the fight looking for some release
Alcohol and drugs to make demons disappear
Night after night reliving those fears
Broken bodies and battered souls
Some young, many very old
More and more pills to ease their pain
They went to war and were never the same
Bombs exploding, fight after fight
Many times afraid to sleep at night
They went to war, their friends never came home
In a foreign place they died alone
Broken bodies and battered souls

Digging In

Digging in for the night, your buddy standing guard
Leaning back in the dark looking up at the stars
Think about what you are doing here
Can't sleep due to extreme fear
Fear of not waking up because the enemy got through
Mind racing not knowing what to do
Fighting a war for reasons unknown
People you are trying to protect, continue to throw stones
Walking single file down the road
Hoping you don't find IED's that explode
Night falls upon you, days patrol comes to an end
Digging in for the night, you looking up at the stars
Still no answers of why we are fighting this war
You are dug in deep and tight, it time to rest
Tomorrow a new day, you need to be your best.
A new day begins you are ready to fight
Happiness flows through you, you survived the night.
Another patrol, another distant town hopefully no soldiers go down
Quietly walking single file, haven't seen any signs of the enemy for a while.
This is the last patrol of your tour, time to dig for night.
You remain ready for that unexpected fight.
Why are we here a soldier asks?
Like I said before, for reasons unknown

Fallen Soldier

We remember those who gave their lives
Fought hard in battles so others survived
Our Fallen soldiers we will never forget
Sacrificed themselves with no regret
They gave us our freedom, speech and choice
Without them, freedom would have no voice
A moment of silence on Veterans day
We close our eyes, say thank you and pray
Touch their names on the wall
Weep in silence as tears fall
Families proud of the sacrifices they made
Remember fallen soldiers and the price they paid
Laying wreathes and flowers at their graves
Proud of all the lives saved
Our fallen soldiers we never forget

Fallen Soldiers

GUNNER

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A man in the door" gunners were often known
No one knows how many missions they've flown
Helicopters flying over water and trees
Gunners at the ready, to give those triggers a squeeze
Flying through the air, they sit there with much unease.
Door gunners weren't expected to live very long lives
So many days they are happy to just survive
They have a really tough job not many could do
It took every ounce of courage just to make it through.
So many missions flow for the year.
Every day loading a ton of ammunition and gear
Machines mounted on the side of the plane
Sometimes having to fly through the rain.
Being a door gunner you put your life on the line every day.
One wrong move and the ultimate price you will pay.
Door gunners job to help protect the soldiers on the ground
From the time the helicopters touch down.
Gunners such an important part of the war, will always be known as the "man in the door"

Inch By Inch

So many thoughts racing through my mind
Looking for an enemy we cannot find
Inch by Inch, step by step
The enemy is behind that door I bet
Rifles ready, aim is sharp
I don't want to hear an angels harp
Sweeping for mines, explosions I fear
My friend is dead, something I don't want to hear
Inch by Inch, step by step
Close my eyes and picture my kid's footsteps
Foreign eyes watch and stare
US soldiers died for them, they don't care
They needed our help and no we are here
But I think we are the ones in fear
Inch by Inch, step by step, another house clear
Close my eyes and thank god I am still here
Down the steps and out the door
Bullets firing, hit the floor!!!
Can't see where or how far
That bullet wound is going to leave a scar
Inch by Inch, I crawl on the ground
Listening for the enemies sound
Whispering voices I can't understand
US soldiers need to make a stand
Inch by Inch, stone by stone
Continuously facing the unknown

Jump From a Plane

Jump from a plane above the clouds
Fly through the air, night as a shroud
Quietly landing on your feet
Gathering your shoot quietly and quick
Hide everything under brush and sticks
Under the cover of night, enemy patrols
Hide in caves, under brush and in holes
Jump from a plane, parachutes line the sky
One after another, soldiers fly
Battle after Battle, flight after flight
Ready at any time day or night
One by one soldiers walk onto the plane
Hooks on the static line, ready to fly no stress or strain
Ramp begins to close, flight is a go
Taxi starts, take off begins what a show
Engines roar as the plane begins to fly
Higher and higher into the sky
There they are above the clouds
Hiding the plane like a shroud
Jump from a plane

Memorial Day

We remember the ultimate sacrifice soldiers made
Memorial wreathes upon their graves
We remember those who fought galantly and brave
American flags at each and every grave
Soldiers fought for our freedom
So many gave their lives
Brothers,sons, husbands and wives
Memorial day a time to remember and never forget
Those who sacrificed we owe a great debt
Giving their lives so we can be free
The ultimate sacrifice a soldier gave
Wreath of remembrance upon their grave
We honor those who fought in wars today and years past
We hope today those wars don't last

Memorial Day

My Soldier in Heaven

It gets harder and harder each and every year
I return to the wall and feel your spirit near
You went off to war and never came home
Don't know how I can go on and do this alone
I sit here by your name and ask God why?
Why didn't he protect you, he let you die
My soldier in heaven protecting me from above
I feel your arms around me, all your love
You gave your life to keep us free
There was no other place you would rather be
So much emptiness I have inside
Remembering all the days when you were alive
Smiles appear as tears roll down my face
No more pain and war, you are in a much better place
Sitting on a cloud, uniform clean and pressed
My soldier in heaven, looking his military best
My soldier in heaven I pray to you
You are now at peace I will always love you

Never Came Home

We remember those soldiers who never came home
Gave their lives in another country died alone
Ultimate sacrifice we shall never forget
Their country owes them a great debt
Giving their lives so people can be free
We remember those who never came home
Soldier's spirits are free to roam
Boots on the ground in foreign lands
So much destruction upon the sands
Fighting for ideals that we make them believe
Death and destruction families grieve
Soldiers fighting in a place they didn't need to be
Wreathes of remembrance float upon the sea
Some never came home so we can be free

Never Walk Alone

"You'll never walk alone" as the song goes
Do you know what to expect?, hell no!!!
Patrolling the streets , you never walk alone
Every day we walk a hot zone
Behind every corner, down a dark street
Anxiety so high, you can feel your heart beat
I hear that song over and over in my head
Stay together, so no one else winds up dead
"You'll never walk alone" words to live by
Lord knows I've seen to many people die
I sing this song, silently in my mind
Walking along, villagers are kind
The Righteous Brothers sang a perfect song
It helps no matter what is wrong
"You'll never walk alone" I remember everyday
I'm going home are the next words I will say
"Never Walk Alone"

No More Fight

Medivac landing, rotors turning with an ominous roar
Medics open the sliding door, boots on the ground
Blood dripping down his face, holding his buddy's hand
Kneeling down next to his stretcher in the Iraqi sand
Wounded soldiers loaded on board
Medivac doors slams shut the door, and lifts to the air
Medics immediately begin emergency care
Blood stained uniforms cut away, blood sweep done
Fluids hanging, holding his buddy's hand , he won't let go
Blood drenched face, he takes a deep breath
No more fighting my friend, we cheated death
Back against the helicopter wall he closes his eyes
Thinking that this was the day he may not have survived
We go home together or not at all
You hear your buddy say from the stretcher, it was my call
We're okay my friend, we won the fight
You are going to sleep in a warm bed tonight
He takes a deep breath and his hands begin to shake
I'm still here he says to himself, I'm still here
When you are able will sit down and have a beer.

On Patrol

An eerie calm among the men
Equipment and rifles checked on patrol again
Out the gate, and down the road
Praying to God, no IEDs explode
Another patrol in a place we shouldn't be
We fight so this countries people can be free
Bullets ricochet off the truck like hitting a tin can
Soldiers run and hit the sands
Machine guns fire with a loud and angry roar
Weapons keep firing more and more
Air support firing from over head
Loud explosions vibrate the ground
There is too much bloodshed
An eerie calm on the battlefield
So much destruction and death my eyes I shield
Equipment and rifles check, time to reload
Walk down the road, back on patrol

Personal Battle

A Personal Battle

You were sent to fight a war

That has yet to be won

You are forced to leave your newborn son

You go to a place and face death everyday

There is nothing to say

You fight each day and see your friends die

And all you can do is cry

You feel helpless and angry things haven't changed

Looking for things to be explained

Horror ingrained in your mind

Flying home and back to the grind

Nightmares cause you to scream at night

You still remember that fight

Watching your friends die

Everything has gone awry

Hoping you can find peace

Finding ways to find that release

Letting go of anger deep inside

Climbing up that mountainside

Your personal battle has been won

For you and your son

You look to the sky and tell God to take care of your friends

Then you say "Hey guys!! Till we meet again"

Place

Fighting in a place we don't belong
No one knows for how long
So much fear in their eyes
Car bomb explodes, hear the cries
Blood and bodies on the ground
Help from everyone in town
Sirens whaling down the streets
Climbing over pieces of concrete
Standing guard at a place of death
Knowing that no one is safe
Cross around my neck, keeping faith
Arabic language I can't understand
So much sadness in this land
Shoes and blood on the ground
An eerie silence all around
Why are we here in this place
You can see the anger on their faces
We are in a place we don't belong
In the distance prayer and song
Its time to leave this place

Sacrifice

Raise your hand and repeat after me
The commercial said you would be all you could be
You will travel and definitely see the world
In your fatigues and standing tall
In a firefight with your back against the wall
Your buddies scream as bullets fly
Black hawks firing rockets from the sky
Hit the dirt as the explosions began
Dug in deep upon the sand
When the smoke clears you look around
Slowly your buddies get off the ground
All except one who does move
He was so young and felt like he had something to prove
He sacrificed himself to protect someone
Hid the young from a machine gun
Soldiers cross for his sacrifice
We will never forget, he gave his life
Soldiers sacrifice each and everyday
We should thank them each and every day

Shadows and Corners

Shadows and corners, we search the unknown
Eyes watching you, you are not alone.
Open the door, in you go, room by room, step by step.
Praying you don't find the enemy, at least not yet
You hear whispering voices from behind the door.
Squad leader says "no way out from the second floor?"
Down the steps your patrol goes and out the door
Not worth the risk to see what's there
Squad is still alive, that's all I care
We continue to patrol door to door
Still wondering what's in store.
Shadows and corners in this foreign place
Don't feel safe approaching the staircase.
Weapons at the ready for any attack.
Your entire squad watching their backs.
Uneasy feeling looking at the windows above
Eyes in the shadows of those we are trying to get rid of.

Soldiers Prayer

Hear me God, this soldier prays to you
Another patrol is about to ensue
Rifles, grenades, ruk saks on
Don't know how long my squad and I will be gone
Patrolling a place completely unknown
I pray to you so I am not alone.
I kiss the cross around my neck
Trying so hard to keep my fears in check
Senses alert, eyes all around
That first shot heard we hit the ground
Rifles firing all around, oh my god what a sound
Then I hear screaming "man down"
Taking cover, I can't see a thing
What a fight these bad guys bring
I close my eyes and take a deep breath
Today there will not be a soldier's death
Hear me God as I pray to you
This soldier and his crew need to make it through
A soldiers prayer I say everyday
Another patrol is on the way.
Out the gate ICV's and Stryker's go
One behind the other right in a row
I close my eyes and pray to God
Please bring them back from Riyadh

Stairs to Heaven

Stairs to heaven, so many soldiers walked
You reach the top, and those gates will be unlocked
Light shines down from above
Hoping you will find peace, free of pain, full of love
You gave your life, for something you believe
Fought a long hard battle, now find some relief
Walk up the stairs to the gates of heaven
Your no longer in pain, grief will lesson.
Our hero, you will always be
Our soldier who gave his life so we can be free
I see you walking those stairs in my mind
A smile on your face, words said in kind
Up those stairs one step at a time
Peaceful calm and music chimes
I see you when I close my eyes
When Sadness comes, I look to the sky
See you standing there on those stairs to heaven
You are at peace, my heart is free and no longer cries.

Stand On A Cloud

You stand on a cloud and watch from above
Every morning and night we pray to you and give our love
So much anger and pain in the world today
I stand back and watch with nothing to say
Hold on to my faith is all I can do
You stand on that cloud, as I pray to you
So many people do not believe
Saddens me that they are so naive
I close my eyes and pray for a sign
I see you on that cloud as the sun shines
Miracles happen a smile comes to my face
Your arms around me I feel your warm embrace
Stand on a cloud

Streets

Homeless vets fill our streets
dealing with addictions they cannot beat
Stand on street corners begging for food
Often standing with broken down shoes
It makes me sad to see what happened to them
Returned home to anger and hate from a war 40 years ago
Tired not to let emotions show
Our boys today come home with missing limbs and distraught minds
Soldiers trouble adapting to normal lives
Sometimes they just cannot survive
Sick, hungry, and tired when they finally come for help
Then they don't stay
All they do is run away
And go back to the streets
Somewhere out there they still have families and friends who care
Soldiers feel life on the streets is a burden to bare
Its sad to see what happened to these warriors
Reduced to life on the streets

Walk In Their Boots

Walk In their Boots

Thousands of miles walked in these boots
Patrolling the streets in foreign lands
Soldiers boots upon the sand
Walk in their boots and understand their pain
Battles fought, look down to see friends blood stains
Foreign places sent to fight
So many soldiers don't sleep at night
Walk in their boots know how they feel
Then you will see their pain is real
Soldiers walk in their boots everyday
Protecting our freedom in every way

Fire Fight

In a place no soldier wants to be
Fighting a war so innocents can be free
Soldiers going door to door
They never know what's in store
Bullets firing soldiers get down
Fire Fight has begun hit the ground!!!
Rifles firing can't see where they are
Keep firing they enemy can't be far
My very first fire fight adrenalin flows
Keeping firing I say to myself fear grows
I don't want to die God, hear me please!!
Sweat pouring down my face, it's 100 degrees
Machine guns screaming as the fight goes on
Grenades thrown with all my might
With no end to this battle in sight
Fire fight continues off and on till dawn
Finally the enemy has withdrawn
Back against a tree breathe a sigh of relief
My mind is in utter disbelief
Soldiers fought till the battle is won
I sit and stare at a picture of my son
Soldiers reload and gather their gear
Here comes reinforcements pulling up the rear.

Holding a Sign

Standing on the street corner holding a sign
Please, anything helps even a dime
Dirty body, hair and ragged clothes
Wondering if they will eat today, no one knows
Holding a sign, such a lost soul
What happened to them? Life out of control
Alcohol, Drugs, often the case
Can't find a way to a safe place
Sleeping on the streets, which ally for the night
Back against the wall, ready to fight
Hit rock bottom, with no help in sight
Give themselves to God with all their might
Standing on the street corner holding a sign
Praying for just one person to be kind
Standing on a street corner

My heart is broken

My heart is broken, my soul is lost
It cannot be repaired, to high of cost
Alone I sit and see your empty heart
You continue to drive us apart
The choices you made are yours alone
I will not be the one who picks up the phone
I will not be treated this way anymore
Nor will I sit and wait by the door
My heart is broken, my soul is lost
You continue to lie, my feelings tossed
Family first, were your words
Another statement for the birds
I hold back tears that you don't see
You will never see what you have done to me
Rules change to suit your needs
Of course I am the bad guy no one believes
A control freak is what you are
Your life consists of food and a bar
I hope you see what you have done
Apparently you think its fun
Its always and forever been about you
I have nothing left to say or do
You put your friends first, that will never change
That will forever be part of your game
My heart is broken my soul is lost

TIME

Time to fly, time to shine
Time to celebrate, a glass of wine
To many sacrifices, I have made
Time to step out of someone else's shade
Success defines who I am
Don't like it? Don't give a damn
Time to take myself off the shelf
I look in the mirror and see myself

Time to fly, time to shine
Successes I create, all mine
No longer will I stand behind
Afraid I will no longer be
Time to think about me
Time for my spirit to be free
Heartbreak and sadness I endure
Time to lift my spirit off the floor
Time to fly, time to shine
Time to make my life again mine

Mother Natures Tears

Mother natures tears fall from the sky
Replenishes land so hungry and dry
The sun shines her smiling face down
Earths creatures make a beautiful sound
So much sadness washes away
Blue skies above, such a beautiful day
Cotton why clouds float through the sky
Lying on the grass watching the day go by
Mother natures tears are no more
What does tomorrow have in store?
The sun begins to set for her sleep
Creatures of the night come out to take a peak
Begin to drink from pools of tears
Always alert, danger near
Mother natures tears begin to fall
Against the leaves of trees so tall
They satisfy thirst from the sky
Creatures of the sky also fly