

## Vietnam War Poetry

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Depart you visions of war, bringers of pain  
Cloaked in isolation, you mock me in harsh disdain  
My soul is torn beyond repair, I curse the day you entered my brain  
You pierced my tortured spirit, what horrors I have seen  
You speak of quiet solitude, to tempt me to act on what might be  
Then you lanced me in my troubled mind, to the depths of darkness  
Memories, I beg of you, depart my tortured soul, leave me in peace  
Someone please help me fight these evil memories of war  
With all my voice I scream to you, help me through this night once more  
Help my agonized mind not to heed the demon's call  
At last, I can no longer stand the terrible pain  
And I plunge into the shadowy parts of my tormented brain  
Beckoned by my silent screams, I see an image of someone tall  
Inviting me to enter Heaven's hall  
I journey to the light, all in calm, all is quiet  
I feel a warm touch and I ask for forgiveness with all my might  
Finally my mind is at peace.