

# Vietnam War Poetry

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## ANGER

Laying here listening to my own breathing  
Hearing the shells explode in the distance  
Flashes of light reflect hideous shadows of horrors into the sky  
Hot, no wind blowing and rumbles of exploding bombs in the distance  
I feel the burning desire to sleep and try to relax  
Hoping you will enter my slumber  
And angry that this war is stalking me

As I struggle here, I start dreaming of another time far away  
Laying next to you, I can hear you breathing  
Watching rain drops kissing our window pane  
Lightning reflecting shadows of dance onto your skin  
Cool wind blowing and thunder in the distance  
I feel the burning desire that you awoke in me  
You relax on my body and I want to enter your slumber  
But instead I listen to the rhythmic music of your dreams  
Angry that time and the dawn was stalking us

## DAWN ON THE BATTLEFIELD

Early dawn, the battle was fierce  
Smoke is swirling, twirling, damp and gray  
Surrounding me, taking me into its arms  
Calling, beckoning, whispering softly  
It calls to me, drawing me near  
Telling me I have nothing to fear  
I follow, listening, feeling

Early dawn, the battle finally over  
Smoke is swirling, twirling, damp and gray  
Calling me, I feel a presence  
Reaching out my hand, touching, grasping,  
Warmth and comfort fill my very being  
And I know without seeing that I have felt love, I felt you  
Through the mayhem, smoke and distances you reached me  
And guided my thoughts to thee  
Love fills my heart, and my soul become calm

Early dawn, the smoke is swirling, twirling, damp and gray  
Surrounding us, blocking out the horrors of war  
Bringing peace and love to my soul  
Bringing me you!

## DEATH

Disturbing shadows, as seen through my teary eyes  
On this night of fighting, trying not to let you go  
Desperate thoughts, in the night I cry  
Please God, he's too young, don't let him go  
And on this night, even the stars refuse to shine  
But the flares high in the sky and the bullets continue to fly  
My pain becomes stronger when life and death combine  
My eyes search to find comfort from above, and as the moon disappears  
I feel the death of your spirit and now all hope is gone  
I must now sacrifice your soul, for if your life is gone  
Then death is all you and I will ever know.

## FORGIVENESS

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.

### **A SOLDIER'S THOUGHTS**

There are many miles between us, this Vietnam war keeps us apart  
but our hearts see not the distance, we loved each other from the start.  
Drawing our love even closer, on this our hearts are insistent.  
When you write my heart sings, I wish you knew the happiness it brings.  
Just to hear a word from you, keeps my heart from missing you.  
Longing for the day we greet again; two lonely hearts will then get to sing.  
I heard your voice on the tape just the other day; so sweet and sexy in  
every way.  
I long to hold, to become one; to feel your gentle kiss, your body close to  
mine.  
To feel the intensity, oh so strong; longing, wanting you to be mine.  
I love you truly, yes I do and after this war, I forever want to be with  
you.

### **KNOWING**

As I lay here, unsure what has happened to me  
For not a sound did the bullet make, only a stinging in my chest  
I reach out for you through the sheath of coming darkness  
Your spirit is there and yet it evade my grasp  
I plunge deeper into the darkness  
I am searching for you now with more haste  
I stumble among the carnage  
The pungent stench of despair overwhelms my soul  
Fear overcomes me now for I feel your spirit dissipating  
dissipating back into the realm of which it came  
I call out and my voice echoes loud within my head  
but I make no audible sound  
I return from whence I came  
Knowing now that death is taking me away  
I am left alone to lay here in the darkness  
My hope waning, my despair growing  
Then the darkness fades and there you are  
Dress in a white gown with bright lights all around  
You reach out for me and I feel safe in your arms  
No longer does fear engulf my soul  
No longer do I feel the burning in my chest  
I feel a peace that I have never known before  
Now I can go knowing you are there.

### **NIGHT QUIET**

In the quiet of this night, after the battle noise is gone  
As I close my eyes and when in dreams my spirit wanders  
Our souls find each other and together we go walking til the end of time  
Hand and hand we share the night as we walk through starlit meadows  
We pause by a pristine stream and our bodies come together  
But only in my dreams

So I wish for the next battle to be over  
And as I hurry through each day, I long for sleeps embrace  
When again our bodies will come together  
And I can see your face  
And feel again your sweet lips on mine  
No more battle noises, no more being alone

And when this war is over and I can come home again  
We can always be together, not only in my dreams  
But forever through the end of time.

### **PERFECT MOMENT**

As I sit here in this war torn Vietnam, carnage all around  
I find you once again, slipping like a wisp of smoke, an indistinct shadow  
Passing through the dim lit curtains of my mind

With eyes closed tight I focus not on the smoke and death  
But look into the darkness, to find your shape  
To come close to your smile and to touch your perfect face  
To immerse myself in you and to prolong this perfect moment  
To remain locked deep within you, the wondrous dream  
That's comes to me once more in this place called Vietnam.

### **SPECIAL ANGEL**

Special Angel come to me  
In spite of all my misery  
Lift me from this hollow den  
Make me whole to love again

I didn't ask to go to Vietnam  
But my country called, so here I am  
Now that I'm torn up in my mind  
Please, please don't leave me behind

Special Angel do you see  
All the hope you give me  
Dreams of us play in my mind  
In no other's love I'll find

Special Angel hear me cry  
Horrors in my head can't be seen by eye  
Clean the pain until I'm free  
I still believe someday, you'll come for me

Special Angel I pray it's true  
Your love will guide and show you how  
To make me sane again, here and now  
Months or years I do not care  
For in my heart, I know, my special Angel will be there.

### **THOUGHTS**

Through the heat and toil of battle, came thoughts  
As on an angels wings, softly filtering through the flashes of fire  
Of those horrid warlike things  
Thoughts of you, of home, of mother  
Thoughts that gave new life, new will  
Thoughts that came so soothing over me  
Leaving me composed and still  
Thoughts that make me carry on another day  
Away from these horrible Vietnam ways.

### **THOUGHTS OF YOU**

Thoughts of you bring laughter to my soul  
In this horrible war torn place  
Thoughts of you make me smile  
And keeps me from going insane

Thoughts of you give me strength  
To keep going another mile

Thoughts of you are what keep me alive  
When everything looks bad  
Thoughts of you are what give me hope  
When my future looks dark and sad

Thoughts of you are what I miss  
When my childish innocence was lost  
Now I have fewer thoughts of you  
And those ones may come with a cost

But the thoughts of you are all I have  
They are what keeps me strong  
And the thoughts of you I can reach  
Give me the will to carry on  
In this place, this war torn Vietnam.

### **WAS I THERE**

It was such a nightmare, horrors all around, but was I there  
I remember hearing my own breathing and my body ridged with fear  
As bullets flew pass, singing in my ear  
It was such a feeling, such a rush, but was I there  
We fought, some died, we lost friends, brothers  
We all were brave, we all stood tall, but was I there  
So many young men, who's names are on this wall  
They gave their best, they gave their all, but was I there  
My friends, my brothers, hear me cry, was I there  
This my soul wishes to know, as my tear begin to flow  
Was I there with you, why was I spared  
My names is not listed, was I not there.

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