

## The Unknown Soldier

Some call me POW...  
Some call me MIA...  
Some say I can't go home again  
Some say I choose to stay.

I'm the unknown soldier  
Who you refuse to know  
I'm the brother and the friend  
You left so long ago.

I'm a farmer from Missouri  
A soldier from St. Paul  
I'm a sister's hero  
I'm a name on the wall.

I'm the unknown soldier  
The one you left behind  
I'm the country boy from 'Texas  
Who you never tried to find.

I'm someone's long-lost daddy  
I'm my father's pride and joy  
I was someone's gentle lover  
And someone's little boy.

I'm the unknown soldier  
With no more tears to shed  
I'm the ghost of Christmas past  
I'm the living dead.

I'm a sailor and a scholar  
I'm the boy who lived next door  
I'm the poet and the dropout  
You sent to fight your war.

I'm the unknown soldier  
Who dreamed you'd rescue me  
I'm the man who understands  
Only death will set me free.

How could you just forget me?  
Should I forget you too?  
You must try and bring me home  
For I belong to you.

I'm the unknown soldier  
Whose cries are all in vain  
Would you finally come for me,  
If you could feel my pain?

My country has betrayed me  
But I've forgiven you  
And, every night I pray to God  
That he'll forgive you too.

I'm tired and I'm hungry  
I'm lonely and I'm cold  
I'm the unknown soldier  
Whose been bought and sold.

If you would look around you  
You would see my face  
That man standing next to you  
Could be here in my place.

I'm the unknown soldier  
The one for who you cried  
I'm the one that you can't face  
The one they told you died.

We fought that war together  
At Mu Gia and Pleiku  
Had you been the one we left  
I would have come for you.

I'm the unknown soldier  
Who longs to be free  
When you called I answered  
How will you answer me?

I want to lie down beside you  
I want to die in your arms  
I just want you to hold me  
And, help me to hang on.

I'm the unknown soldier  
The one you threw away  
Some call me POW...  
Some call me MIA...

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