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**God and the Soldier we adore,
in time of danger, not before.
The danger passed and all things righted,
God is forgotten and the Soldier slighted**

**He went where others feared to go,
and did what others failed to do.
He cried, pained and hoped--
but most of all he lived times--
never to be forgotten.**