

THE VIETNAM VET

He is the veteran of war
A veteran that nobody cheered for
A war in a place called Vietnam
Which, like every war, used the gun and the bomb.

His father had been in World War II
And when his father's service was through
He was cheered and praised by everyone everywhere
Because he had helped to beat the Nazis "Over There"
Many honors his father received
People made sure that he was never desperate or in need

But was 'different' from his father
When he returned from Vietnam
Nobody cheered
People considered him a bother

Where his father had been cheered he was scorned
Where his father had been praised, his feelings were
never raised.

His war had been more dangerous than any other
Even of the war of his father
But still people did say:
"We don't need any Vietnam Vets today."

His father came home to a wife and job very fine
When he came home, his wife had left and his place was
the unemployment line

In a country where his father had thousands of friends
and was almost never alone,
He found himself frighteningly on his own.

'Cause he fought a war for which he was drafted
And because of that reason, by people, he was shafted.

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