A Soldier's Memoir

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Been home about six months now But I still have my doubts Well I'm not sure how I got here Or how I'm gonna get outMy mama says I look the same As I did before I left But if she could see inside of me It would scare her to deathI can still taste the powder From the barrel of my gun I can hear my sergeant screaming "Run, soldier, run" I can feel the backpack on my shoulders God it weighed a ton And I see death in every single thought They taught me how to put that uniform on I just can't get it off Last Saturday they honored us In a small parade downtown And when they shot off those fireworks I nearly hit the groundAnd while they smiled and cheered for us All I could do was stare Cause part of me is here at home And part of me is back thereI can still taste the powder From the barrel of my gun I can hear my sergeant screaming "Run, soldier, run" I can feel the backpack on my shoulders God it weighed a ton And I see death in every single thought They taught me how to put that uniform on I just can't get it off Yeah there's no end in sight 'Cause even though I'm home now I'm still fighting for my lifeI can still taste the powder From the barrel of my gun I can hear my sergeant screaming "Run, soldier, run" I can feel the backpack on my shoulders God it weighed a ton And I see death in every single thought They taught me how to put that uniform on

I just can't get it offWell the devil's won some battles

And he may win some more

But don't he know the American soldier Will always win the war

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