

Drive-by Truckers

"The Sands Of Iwo Jima"

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George A. was at the movies in December '41
They announced it in the lobby what had just gone on
He drove up from Birmingham, back to the family's
farm
Thought he'd get him a deferment, there's was much
work to be done

He was a family man, even in those days
But Uncle Sam decided he was needed anyway
In the South Pacific, over half a world away
He believed in God and country, things was just that
way
Just that way

When I was just a kid, I spent every weekend
On the farm he grew up on so I guess so did I
And we'd stay up watching movies on that black and
white TV
We watched 'The Sands of Iwo Jima' starring John
Wayne

Every year in June George A. goes to a reunion
Of the men that he served with and their wives and kids
and grandkids
My great uncle used to take me and I'd watch them
recollect
About some things that I could not comprehend

And I thought about that movie, asked if it was that way
He just shook his head and smiled at me in such a
loving way
As he thought about some friends he will never see
again
He said, "I never saw John Wayne on the sands of Iwo
Jima"

Most of those men are gone now but he still goes every
year
And George A.'s still doing fine, especially for his years
He's still living on that homestead in the house that he
was born in
And I sure wish I could go see him today

He never drove a new car though he could easily
afford it
He'd just buy one for the family, take whatever no one
wanted
He said a shiny car didn't mean much after all the
things he'd seen
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