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"A Letter From Vietnam"

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The sun was slowly setting
On the land of Vietnam
Our captain gave his orders
And I quickly took my stand
The guns were roaring fiercely
As our jets took off in flight
So I took this piece of paper
Mum, and to you I'd thought I'd write

Mum, I'm writing this from a treetop
I'm a sniper here by the way
And from where I sit I watch for the enemy
Cause as you know, they're our deadly prey
But while I was writing this line that says
"Dear Mother I love you so"
I heard a shot and when I looked my god
They had killed my best friend Joe
It was heartbreaking Mother
To see him lying there in tears
And wracked with pain
Our chaplain praying over him
And the doctor trying to ease his pain
As I hurried to the dreadful scene
I heard the doctor say
Im afraid his battles over
You see, Mom his chest was shot away
So I thought I might ease my saddened heart
And the pain of this horrible blow
And if this letter seems to be blurred a bit
Its from my tears that flow
But there's one consolation I have, Mom
And the great general in heaven
Knows how right I am
He gave his life for you and my sweetheart
And his all for Uncle Sam

I just came from the funeral
So I'll finish this to you
They wrapped him in Old Glory
The red, white, and the blue
I'd better take my post now

So please give my love to Sue
And I'll do my best for Uncle Sam
And Mother dear for you

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