

## **One:Day:Life**

### **"The Big Parade"**

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I've just come back from the war.  
I'm angry and tired and bored.  
Scarred by the things that I saw --  
Still don't feel like I'm home.  
Don't want to go back, don't want to stay.  
I'm still waiting for the big parade.  
Just before dawn --  
Doesn't feel like last fall...  
Feels like a friend I've lost touch with  
Who I'd hoped wouldn't call --  
Blankets and clothes and pictures of wives,  
The glow of the burning  
They saw from the sky...  
When I woke up, all swaddled in white  
I wanted my Mother  
Wanted her to tell me why I was alive  
I'd write every night just before bed.  
For a while there I stopped.  
Did you think I was dead?  
The truth of it is, I was just scared.  
Scared to come back, I wanted to stay.  
I'm still waiting for the big parade.

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