

David Wilcox "September 12"

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Long ago they built this fort of stone above the Hudson
To guard against intruders, there were cannons in
these walls
But now it's just a park where we can come and bring
the children
On a clear sunny morning in the fall

The reason for this fortress was the threat of foreign
warships
And though these walls were ready, no gunboats
reached our shores
But you kids can climb the tower and look out across
the harbor
And imagine being lookouts for the enemy at war

But you never see it coming anymore

Now we're on the frontlines like stepping over
landmines
Not beneath our footsteps but never far away
And now the possibility, the presence of the enemy
It could be any city, maybe any peaceful day

It's a clear sunny morning, but it's nothing like before
Cause you never see it coming anymore
It's a different kind of peace, cause it's a different kind
of war
And you never see it coming anymore

These kids have learned some history and they know
what warfare used to be
Tanks and guns and soldiers that moved across the
land
With strategies and battlelines converging at a place in
time
And lives were lost for reasons that the world could
understand

On the History Channel war can look exactly like before
When you were certain it was over by the ticker tape
parade
They could come back home to safety, they could

celebrate the victory
And the landmines were all buried 'cross the ocean far
away

But a different kind of war has reached our shore
And you never see it coming anymore

Now we're on the frontlines like stepping over
landmines
Not beneath this pavement but never far away
And now the possibility, the presence of the enemy
It could be any city, maybe any peaceful day

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