

## Stevie Wonder "Front Line"

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I am a veteran of the war  
I up and joined the army back an 1964  
At sixteen I just had to be a man at any cost  
I volunteered for Vietnam where I got my leg shot off

I recall a quote form a movie  
That said, "Who's more a man  
Than a man with a reason  
That's worth dyin' for"

They had me standing on the front line  
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They had me standing on the front line  
But now I stand at the back of the line  
When it comes to gettin' ahead

They gave me a uniform and a tiny salty pill  
To stop the big urge I might have for the wrong kind of  
thrill  
They put a gun in my hand and said, "Shoot until he's  
dead"  
But it's hard to kill when "Please I'm your friend"  
Echoes through your head

Brought up in church  
Taught no man should take another's life  
But then put in the jungle  
Where life has no price, no

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Back in the world the paper reads today  
Another war is in the brewing  
But what about the lives of yesterday  
And the many happy families that have been ruined

My niece is a hooker and my nephew's a junkie too  
But they say I have no right to tell them how they

should do  
They laugh and say, "Quit braggin'  
'Bout the war you should have never been in"

But my mind is so brain-washed  
I'd probably go back and do it again  
I walk the neighborhood parading my purple heart  
With a fear of agent orange that no one will stop, no

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Would you believe I do?  
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