

## **Rusted Root**

### **"Letter To The President"**

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Dear Mr. President  
I'm a soldier  
With the 80nd airborne  
Stationed overseas  
My family and my friends  
All pray that God  
Is watching over me  
But even God  
Can't save us now

Mr. President  
I'm writing you this poem  
And I've sent along  
A picture of my family  
Back at home  
I hear  
My heartbeat loud out  
In these killing fields  
Alone  
I always hit my target  
I just miss my happy home

When will be  
The end of this all?  
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The end of this all  
Now that our back  
Is against the wall?  
(Whoa)

I joined the army  
Like my father did  
And his father before  
I saw army green canvas  
Look like perfect  
Art of war  
The images  
I see now  
Aren't like the ones  
I saw before  
How am I a hero

If I don't know  
What it's for?

Days  
Are getting longer  
Nights  
I never get to sleep  
And I just had  
A newborn daughter  
That I hope  
I get to see  
I've got bloodshed  
On my conscience  
She's so innocent  
And free  
I just killed  
Some baby's father  
Better him  
Instead of me ( ? )

When will be  
The end of this all?  
Tell me  
When will be the end  
Of this all  
Now that our back  
Is against the wall  
And mankind  
Is getting small?

Before the warlife  
It was beautiful  
We marched out in the sun  
Now it's stars and stripes  
At funerals  
Our darkest days have come  
Dyin' in this combat zone  
It scares me half to death  
Cuz if I don't make it  
To heaven what's to live  
For after death?  
I've seen mothers  
Of the friends  
I've lost out  
Marching in a crowd  
Cuz their sons  
Are wear purple hearts  
Inside their coffins  
In the ground  
When they left for war  
They thought

Their mommas  
Would be proud  
When they faced off  
With their enemies  
They thought  
They'd take him down

Hatred  
Is tearing us all apart  
Separation  
Is tearing the world apart  
Corruption is playing  
It's part, mhmm

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