

## Ryan Harvey

### "A Heart That Beats No More"

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A child from my high school was sent off to Iraq.  
He got shot in the head, he's never coming back.

I didn't really know him, but i know a lot of kids,  
Who sold themselves as soldiers, whose fate may be  
like his.

It makes me think of high school, and the kids who  
walked the halls.  
And i wonder how many of them, went off to heed the  
call...  
Who closed their eyes so quickly and bought the myth  
of war:  
The promises of honor, or a heart that beats no more...

I think about that hallway that was right outside the  
gym.  
I think about that doorway, there were students coming  
in.  
Right by the cafeteria, where lunch was everyday.  
Where the army had their table, and gave free pens  
away...

I saw those pens a lot, "be all that you can be,"  
Murder a couple families, and we'll pay for your  
degree.

They always mentioned money, as if soldiers came  
home rich.  
They tricked you into killing, and you fell for it.

I remember many times when i saw that table there,  
And i cursed myself to think, that i never made it clear,  
That this is not normality, it's not another trend,  
It's soldiers in my hallway, murdering my friends!

Now i say it loudly, wishing i was there:  
"f\*ck you, recruiters! Stop targeting my peers!  
It's not my war to fight in, and neither is it yours!  
You're sending kids like me to die, in other peoples'  
wars!"

So stop and think, my friends,  
Next time you see marines,  
Talkin' to your classmates,  
Think just what it means.

'Cause soldiers are not heroes,  
Let's make it clearly known:  
They're kids like you and me,  
Whose hearts and minds were overthrown.

Don't be scared of nothin', please take this advice.  
If they start talkin' to your classmates, stand your  
ground and fight.  
And don't be fooled by fables, that the textbook  
authors type.  
Their wars are fought for profit, not for peoples' rights.

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