

Stan Ridgway "Camouflage"

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I was a PFC on a search patrol hunting charlie down, it was in the jungle wars of '65.

My weapon jammed and I got stuck way out and all alone and I could hear the enemy moving in close outside.

Just then I heard a twig snap and I grabbed my empty gun and I dug in scared while I counted down my fate.

And then a big marine, a giant with a pair of friendly eyes appeared there at my shoulder and said wait.

When he came in close beside me he said don't worry son I'm here, if Charlie wants to tango now he'll have two to dodge. I said well thanks a lot and told him my name and asked him his and he said the boys just call me camouflage.

Whoa oa oa oa camouflage, things are never quite the way they seem,

Whoa oa oa oa camouflage, I was awfly glad to see this big marine.

Well I was gonna ask him where he came from when we heard the bullets fly, coming through the brush and all around our ears. It was then I saw this big marine light a fire in his eyes and it was strange but suddenly I forgot my fears.

Well we fought all night and side by side we took our battle stance and I wondered how the bullets missed this man, cause they seemed to go right through him just as if he wasn't there and in the morning we both took a chance and ran.

And it was near the river bank when the ambush came on top of us and I thought it was the end and we were had. Then a bullet with my name on it came buzzing through a bush, and that big marine he just swat it with his hand, just like it was a fly.

Whoa oa oa oa camouflage, things are never quite the way they seem,

Whoa oa oa oa camouflage, this was an awfly strange marine.

And I knew there was something weird about him cause when I turned around he was pulling a big palm tree right up out of the ground and swatting those charlies with it, from here to kingdom Come

When he led me out of danger I saw my camp and waved goodbye, he just winked at me from the jungle and then was gone. And when I got back to my hq I told them about my night and the battle I'd spent with a big marine named camouflage.

When I said his name a soldier gulped and a medic took my arm and led me to a green tent on the right. He said you may be telling true boy but his here is camouflage, and he's been right here since he passed away last night, in fact he's been here all week long.

But before he went he said Semper Fi and said his only wish, was to save a young marine caught in a barrage. So here take his dog tags son I know he'd want you to have it now, and we both said a prayer for a big marine named camouflage.

Whoa oa oa oa camouflage, things are never quite the way they seem,

Whoa oa oa oa camouflage, this was an awfly big marine.

So next time you're in a jungle fight and you feel a presence near or hear a voice that in your mind will lie, just be thankful that you're not alone and you've got some company from a big marine the boys call camouflage

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