

## **Anne Haigis**

# **"No Man`s Land"**

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he was my brother born the day I left  
he took the mother lode and I took the rest  
he was a fighter, he was always in control  
he kept a candle burning way down in his soul

shots fired in anger and a widow cries alone  
just one more mother's son who won't be coming home  
they speak in whispers there are riders to the east  
the blind man says mister bring a bottle and a priest

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that's the way it's always been  
who you are or what you know  
you're like a feather in the wind  
let the river wash you away  
reach the river if you can  
past the blue and past the grey  
all the way, all the way  
all the way to no man's land

there was no shelter there was nowhere left to run  
they came like eagles screaming down out of the sun  
I heard the whistle sound the engine pulled away  
I saw my brother down and I left him where he lay

some fight for honor there are those that fight for gold  
some die believing all the fairy tales they're told  
there are no heroes and there is no marching bang  
there are no miracles down here in no man's land

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