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# Teachers as Writers

This section sets aside a place for teachers to publish original poetry, short stories, or snapshot memoirs related to teaching.

## Rerun

March 1969

**the dreaded knock on the door  
missing in action  
somewhere in Vietnam  
his mother's broken heart**

**but...I got a letter from him yesterday!**

**flag-draped coffin, sealed shut  
black dress  
calling hours  
packed church  
hugs  
their tears, not mine**

**his father's raw eyes  
a red white and blue triangle  
placed in his mother's hands  
heart-shaped flowers  
from his sweetheart, me**

**wailing "taps"  
salute of distant gunshots  
dirt on wood  
it's over**

September 2008

**missing in action  
somewhere in Iraq  
the dreaded knock...  
a mother's broken heart...**

**it's not over**



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