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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



**Pat Gallant
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