

TODAY JOHNNIE CAME HOME FROM 'NAM

A family will rest a bit better tonight
For them, a new life has begun
Today in the rain, an Army jet
Has finally brought home their son
The years of waiting and wondering are over
About the fate of a brave, young man
Tomorrow, their lives begin once more
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A medal was placed in his mother's hands
His father stood, silent and strong
Johnnie's kids are old enough to understand
Why Daddy's been away so long
His plain, metal coffin was draped with a flag
He'd followed to a far-away land
And a V.A. color guard fired twenty-one shots
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Listed as M.I.A. for so very long
No one knew if he lived or he'd died
But now his family and friends have their answer
And one trumpet plays Taps at his side
The tears that were shed long ago come again
As they lay him in the Arlington sand
'Neath a simple white cross, valor's gain, and our loss
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