## Lingering Shadows

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Young once And brave And life was an adventure before us

Do you remember No fat No fear No concerns for each other

Mortars and Rockets We no longer ran from Just another day

## And then it wasn't

The first nightmare Endless FIGMO countdown

The welcome home That didn't come The healing yet to be

Politicians betrayed us And walked away It was only 58,000 sent to An early grave. And we Old before our time And youth a lost memory Time to weep has come and gone Tears no longer flow Glory Morals Honor and Mercy Amongst the first to go Hard is war Courage ebbs and flows like the tide. A hero one moment Pissed pants the next Courage a word for fools... Coward a word before first-battle.

Life is worthless as a Wisp of smoke that dissipates in A gale.

No time to rest No time to flee No time to bury your brothers.

Charging in to battle singing... Lies of old men crowing for votes

Prayers murmured on the run Mostly for yourself or morning's haste or The fall of night

Wordless retreat Voice lost in terror I'll run till the carnage is silent

Fields of valor soon left behind For now there is no time to cry.