

## Where Have They Gone?

by Vietnam War poet:

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They drifted back one at a time  
into the World.  
No music,  
no drums and  
no flags unfurled.

Most tried to leave their ghosts,  
in-country.  
But some will live with the sights and sounds of war until the end of time.  
Some will never return,  
but in our hearts they will always stand tall.  
Many will be remembered until time stands still,  
on that black granite wall.

They changed their uniforms for civvies and tried to start their lives over.  
Some became lawyers  
Some became Policemen  
Some became Doctors  
Some became Nurses  
Some became Truck drivers  
Some became Business men  
Some became Men of God  
Some became Farmers  
Some just couldn't stand the pain  
But most managed to sustain.

And all will be eternal brothers in a faraway time and place called  
The Vietnam War.

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*Dedicated to all the men and women who served in SEA during the Vietnam war.*

*Thank each of you for taking the time to read it.*

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