

PTSD

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Sixty years ago we came home from a World at war
Facing problems never dreamed of before
Pain numbed by morphine and alcohol
People looking the other way not caring at all

Fifty years ago we came home from the Korea war
Facing problems never dreamed before
Fingers hands feet lost to the freezing cold
You will get over it we were all told

Forty years ago we came home from the Vietnam war
Facing problems never dreamed before
Shattered young dreams many dulled by drugs
Forgotten so many years just swept under the rug

Today we come home from the Iraq and Afghanistan war
Facing problems never dreamed before
Things have changed over the long years
But the pain is still there and can't be hid by our tears

Over all the years we have spent in war
Facing problems never dreamed before
May God bless all of us that cannot forget
Holding our hand as we seek a peaceful sunset

Edwin J. Smith
The Old Cowboy Poet
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