

## 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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