

Monuments and Memories (For Those Who Never Came Home)

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Some people say I should not waste the hours of my life
On monuments and memories recalling times of strife
They seem to think it only is a name upon a stone
While I reflect that easily that name could be my own
Should I forget those men I knew who stood and fell by me
Should I forget those torrid isles upon that sultry sea
Should I forget that smiling lad from Arizona's Plain
Who fought alongside me though wounded and in pain
Or should I forget about that Corpsman standing fast
Who put his body over mine and took that mortar blast
Should I forget those countless men who waded into shore
And gave their lives defending my country and my Corps
I can't forget a single name. Those men are with me still
If I don't remember them, I ask you then who will?

Your presence here today answers that question. **We** will remember.