

Memorial Day

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At the end of May in the USA
We celebrate Memorial Day
To honor those who died in a military way
So America's Freedom could stay.

The Military can be a difficult way of Life--
Full of toil, sweat, blood and strife.
It's been said, "War is Hell!"
It can cause all sorts of scars you can't foretell.

May 31st honors the physically dead
Another way to die is inwardly instead.
Shattered dreams, broken hearts, crushed spirits.

There are worse things than death.
USA Marine Handbook gives instruction
If captured and [you] don't want to be tortured,
Here's the proper method (Depending on your Nation),
If you are a captured spy: Put these pills in your mouth
So no knowledge they'll be able to pry.

Scars of War may be worse than death
Missing limbs, eyes, severe burns,
Post Traumatic Stress, Depression, Paraplegia?

The mentally ill may fight a war within,
Suffer so much be stigmatized and so misunderstood.
Into each life a little rain might fall:
Rain falls on the just and the unjust,
Sooner or later life does it's number on us all.

Some of our Wounded Warriors

Take up Fishing for therapy
For psychological scars in Military.
Some even take up hunting to keep them going!

Yes into each life a little rain must fall--
Some got more than others for whatever reason
If this is all there is then The Cynic is right!
Everyone gets pushed around by the rich and powerful
So you may as well "eat, drink and be merry,
For tomorrow we perish!"

"You only go 'round once, so Grab for the Gusto!"
"We are Captain of our own ship"
BUT, Perhaps you should contemplate your Final Port!

For there may very well be more ahead,
So get your act together before you're physically dead!
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