

JUST A COMMON SOLDIER
(A Soldier Died Today) written by
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He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast, and he sat around the Legion, telling story of the past. Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done. In his exploits with his buddies, they were hero's, everyone.

And tho' sometimes, to his neighbors, his tales became a joke, all his Legion buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke. But we will hear his tales no longer for old Bill has passed away,

He will not be mourned by many, just his children and his wife, for he lived an ordinary and quite uneventful life. Held a job and raised a family, quietly going his own way, and the world won't note his passing, though a soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state, while thousands note their passing and proclaim they were great. Papers tell their whole life stories, from the time that they were young. But the passing of soldier goes unnoticed and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land A guy who breaks his promises and cons his fellow man? Or the ordinary fellow, who and times of war and strife, goes off to serve his country and offers up his A politician's stipend and the style in which he lives are sometimes disproportionate to the service that he gives.

While the ordinary soldier, who offers up his all, is paid off with a medal and perhaps, a small pension.