

## 1975

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Weren't you in Viet Nam, he asked  
Didn't the war end in 1975  
For some it probably did, I said  
But it will never end while I'm still alive.

As I walked away, I said  
I'm sure glad it's over and I made it back alive  
And I'm glad it's over for the other soldiers  
Who were there before 1975.

Last night was another long night  
Up and down until a little past five  
I couldn't sleep, but that's OK  
At least I think I'm still alive.

For those who weep and those who can't sleep  
And those who hate being alive  
The world goes on and on and on  
For the ones from the war of 1975.

I hope you are doing fine for a veteran  
I would like to give you a great big high five  
I'm glad you made it home safe and hopefully sound  
Now that it's past 1975.

I've heard more men have committed suicide  
Than killed in war even though they seemingly came back alive  
Now their war is finally over, I suppose  
Although it was officially over in 1975.

Men will cry peace, peace  
And I still pray for their peace, for sakes alive  
While others live in their world of peace  
Never understanding about the war of 1975.

For some the war ended in 1968  
Or for some 1963 and for others 1965  
For some the war is still being fought  
From the war of 1975.

For some the war will never end  
Not while they are alive  
Memories that are hidden away  
From the war of 1975.

Don't they know the war has ended  
Hasn't anyone given them a great big high five  
Didn't they even get a pat on the back  
Or a medal from back in 1975.

Didn't they get the spit off their face  
Or the memories of dying friends from their eyes  
Didn't their mommies and daddies appreciate their sacrifices  
From the war of 1975.

The war didn't end for the parents  
Who prayed for their babies to come back alive  
And never understood why God didn't hear  
Their prayers back before 1975.

They say the war ended and I guess it did  
For some it never existed, I surmise  
And for some it probably will never end  
For those who were there before 1975.

One day there will be peace  
For the ones now more dead than alive  
They will no longer cry, after they die  
Of the horrors before 1975.

A few will nod in understanding  
And say they are glad that you survived  
They said I did, but I still don't know  
If I came home from the war of 1975.

One day when no Viet Nam veteran  
Or family members or their friends are no longer alive  
History may record in historical truth  
The Viet Nam war ended in 1975.