

# I Never Knew His Name

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I never knew his name  
As he called to me  
Pleading with his eyes  
Suddenly so wise  
Trying not to cry  
Now he's gone and I  
Never knew his name

I've seen his kind before  
Rising to his fall  
God, he was so young  
Like a song half sung  
Interrupted by  
Someone just as shy,  
Who never knew his name

The true cost of honor is suddenly too clear  
It measures too far and deep

He always looks the same  
Dressed in blue or gray  
All the life he'll miss  
Girls he'll never kiss  
Things he'll never try  
Unaware that I  
Never knew his name

I never knew his name  
Guess it's just as well  
So I do my part  
Hiding from my heart  
Whispering goodbye  
Thanking God that I  
Never knew his name