Till They Came Home

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Times were hard but they were fun In 1941 The year that Jim and Catherine fell in love They were graduating college Their heads were full of knowledge And visions of taking on the world But Uncle Sam and those Pearl Harbor bombs Pulled Jim away from Catherine's arms Then along came Vietnam In 1961 The year that Bob and Mandy said "I do" They bought a house outside the city Everything was sitting pretty But again old Uncle Sam said "I need you" Bob said "Mandy, honey I'll be back Don't you worry, you can count on that"

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Some came home as heroes Proud to be back Some came home as heroes Covered with the flag

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