

# Final Transmission

## Street Dogs

He had just turned nineteen yesterday  
Wanted to be a school teacher someday  
Came from a small and modest town  
Had never before traveled abroad

He signed on the promise of a college fund  
Pop and Mom begged him to stay at home  
The last time they saw him was at an airport  
He hugged his distraught mother a final time

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Paris Island was plain hell on earth  
Got gunny yelling at him, "better prove your worth"  
Moved on to Baghdad about six months on  
Caught an IED today, now he is gone

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Dad and Mom I am your only loving sing  
Hid a written final transmission under my helmet  
Love you both in heart and mind  
A better set of parents no boy could ever find  
Weep for me and say thy prayers  
Remember me through all your years  
Only got to serve for six months on and  
If you're reading this I have passed and gone

So I harbor my final request  
A letter in my memory please send  
Off to the President and all his men  
Begging him with others to bring the troops back home  
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