

**ABANDONED – ON THE BATTLEFIELD ALONE**

1-31-16 (1)  
(#10)

1. Abandoned on the battlefield alone,  
implements of war I no longer have, nor own.  
Wondering if the final battle ended years ago —?  
But from this lost condition:  
last soldier without a mission —  
how could I have known or come to know ?

Abandoned on a battle field alone,  
old tears I can no longer shed,  
those years outgrown, turned to stone.

**[INSTRUMENTAL TURNAROUND & SHORT BIT]** \*

2. Abandoned on the battlefield alone,  
great-grandmother in a frail wheelchair, back home;  
overturned on a sidewalk while beaten by coward urban thugs.  
Passers-by see her condition,  
every last one lacks the drop of ambition  
to stop their stealing of her life-saving drugs.

Abandoned on the battlefield alone,  
her cries for help ignored,  
by staring, hollow eyes and hearts of stone.

**[INSTRUMENTAL TURNAROUND & SHORT BIT]**

3. Abandoned on the battlefield alone,  
homeless veteran clothed in wounds that can't be sewn;  
ragged blanket hides where legs once were.  
No thought for his condition,  
even at sitcom intermission —  
but reason his debts aren't yours to incur.

Abandoned on the battlefield alone,  
nameless throwaway hearts,  
the world turned to disown.

**BRIDGE:** Abandoned on the battlefield alone . . .  
tears I shed in crumbs of bread, instead  
of water and meals homegrown.  
Wasteland crags of last breath fears  
fractured with running rivers of tears —  
form me a river on which I can sail home.  
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4. **Abandoned on the battlefield alone,  
images of a one-sided war are all I own;  
a war that maybe ended years ago.  
But in this lone condition,  
still under fire with no remission,  
how could I have known or ever come to know ?**

**Abandoned on a battlefield alone,  
my tears have dried with the maimed who died,  
instead of carrying me home.**

**[END]**

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\* 2 measures follow turnaround = short bit