

# SERGEANT JOE

A Dramatic Reading

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This reading can be very effectively given by a boy who hums and sings the verses of “America The Beautiful.” If done by a woman a man could hum and sing the verses off stage or in the background.

I am a G I—a Marine—  
I shall be nameless.  
I stand beneath the canopy  
Of a dark and lowering sky  
Where battle noises crackle,  
And each shadow protects  
The threat of a clever, lurking foe.  
Beneath the sun or dim of night  
I stand alone—it seems—  
Within war’s vicious circle,  
Where hate and fear are one.

I could be the boy from next door  
Or down the block  
Or across the street  
A laborer’s son, or a banker’s boy  
A minister’s lad, or a merchant’s pride and joy.  
Rich or poor, war knows no favorites,  
We march with death each day and night  
In Vietnam.

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