

The Greatest and the Unnamed

*Tom Brokaw coined the name
The Greatest Generation will live forever in fame.*

*They died on the mountain, plain and beach
No doubts their grasp exceeded their reach.*

*A grateful nation and you and me
Honor the generation that saved me and thee.*

*I am one of them, my comrades stood tall
And saved me that I could heed the next call.*

*Lo, the next call came in Korea, an Unnamed Generation
Though unnamed, still served the nation.*

*Korea, a land so cold
A warrior fast grows old.*

*My flowing blood is red
I see it, I am not yet dead.*

*Iraq One and Iraq Two came and went
Sadly, more of our posterity spent.*

*And now, the Greatest and the Unnamed
Must leave undone deeds to be claimed.*

*By our noble young warriors in Afghanistan
By our unsung heroes in Pakistan.*

Addendum:

*I live to bury my wife
For her, gladly would I exchange my life.*

*I am at my beloved's grave
Tears I cannot stave.*

*Forever with her in the bye and bye
Over our graves, bugle taps will fly.*

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