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**SOLDIER'S SONG**

*Rachel Steiner*

He traveled east into the war zone  
Belching bullets metal lead  
Sphere unlike the sea blue Neptune planet  
Not a journey of Ulysses sailing twenty years  
Sand dunes drift in wind, transition quickly  
Next day you'd never see the soldier's message  
Printed by his leather combat boot in sand  
Nameless faces weep his absence secretly despair  
Eyes glaze over change the channel of their lives  
Trade in nacho cheese for mourning white noise  
For their silent sobbing yesterday you'd never think  
Today would crumble, dripping to the ground  
Pool in soft pink puddles at your wrinkled feet  
Never thought the fragile flicker of the altar candle  
Might snuff out to leave you numb and frozen—blind.