

A Veteran Died Today

He was getting older and his hair was falling fast:

He sat around the old folks home, telling stories of the past.

Of a war that he had fought,
And the deeds that he had done:
Sharing exploits with his buddies,
All were heroes, everyone.

And 'tho sometimes to others,
His tales became a joke,
All his comrades listened,
For they know whereof he spoke.

We'll hear his tales no longer,
Ol' () has passed away.

The world's a little poorer,
For a Veteran died today.

He held a job,
Raised a family and
Quietly went his way,
The world won't note his passing,
'Tho a veteran died today.

While the ordinary Veteran who offered up
his all,
Is paid off with a medal and
Perhaps a pension small.
It's so easy to forget them,
For it was so long ago,
That our (), Jims and Harrys
Went to battle, that we know.
Yes, he was just a common Veteran,
His ranks are growing thin,
His presence still remind us,
We may need his kind again.
So, if we cannot give honor,
While he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's pay him homage,
At the ending of his days.
Perhaps a simple headline,
In the paper that might say,

**OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING
FOR A VETERAN DIED TODAY.**
