

WHEN
THE

WAR

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OVER

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And when the war was over the soldiers came home and the people who were against the war came out to greet them and they were 5,000 and 200 and 6, the other people stayed home and watched the football game on television and ate breakfast at one o'clock in the afternoon.

And when the television said that the war was over Mrs. Johnson asked her husband which war was over, he ate some pie and with a tear in his eye took off his boots and took a shower for over an hour and went out. She took a bath and washed her feet and when Mr. Johnson returned with the paper he said it was the war in Vietnam which was over and she said that's nice and went to bed.

And when the war was over the people locked their women to keep them from the soldiers who had come home and the women made themselves up after the images of the television, and ate dinner with their families and cleaned and went to sleep.

And when the war was on Mrs. Carter died. And when the war was over Mr. Carter asked his son to get a job and cut his hair.

And when the war was on Mrs. Perlman was happy that her son was gay, and she went to visit him and found him living with a boy with blue eyes and long blond hair and she had them arrested.

And after a hard day's work a man came home and saw some of the war on television but changed the station to watch the marines invade the beaches of another time, ate dinner and talked to his friend. His friend liked the Second World War the best and the part where they drop the bomb was his favorite.

And when the soldiers came home no one believed that there had been a war.

And they came home and ate dinner and watched the war on television and made love and went to sleep. And after a hard day's work the people came home and saw the war on television and went to bed.

And when the soldier told the red-head that he had just returned from the war the wife asked which war and did him for \$5.00.

And his mother fed him turkey and talked about his hair and kissed him on the cheek and they all went out and bought new shoes.

And when the war news was over the people lay down naked in bed and turned the station to an old movie.

And when the war was on the people who were against fighting in the war were 4,000 and 500. Their lives were miserable because of the war. And when the war was over the people who were against the war were too.

And Mrs. Jackson went downtown and sent John salami, took a cab home and went to sleep. And when she saw her son on television three months later, dead, she fainted and was taken to the hospital.

And when the war was over Mr. Jackson had bought 5 new cars, 6 suits, and 3 new ties. And when the war was over no one believed it but the soldiers.

And after marching the poets and painters came home and watched themselves on television and ate rice and beans for dinner and while their wives cleaned the dishes the poets sang and the artists drew a kind of beauty not known before and in the 25th year of the war the poets fell from the trees and the painter stopped painting excuses for the world's hate and when the war was over the artists listened.

And when the war was in the 25th year the poets and painters stopped and everyone in the country went out and bought everything they could.

And when the war was over his wife gave him some soup and he didn't eat it.

And when the war was over his wife gave him some soup.

THE VIETNAM WAR CONTINUES

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