

## Lesson 4

Poems for Engagement Section: "The Forgotten Soldier" and "Name on the Wall"

# The Forgotten Soldier

This country needs a reminder  
That sons and daughters we hold dear  
Who are so very far away  
Have become forgotten I fear

Our soldiers are reminded daily  
Why they are over there  
Mass graves and atrocities  
The reason to them is clear

But we do not see these things  
And our news is biased at best  
So our soldiers are forgotten  
While they face this ongoing test

So let's not forget our soldiers  
Who are overseas for you  
Instead let's show them we love them  
Let's show them the whole year through

Send letters to uplift them  
And keep them from despair  
Care packages to keep them going  
And let them know we care

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## ***Name On The Wall***

I saw her from a distance  
as she walked up to the wall  
She laid a wreath of flowers,  
then her tears began to fall

She took out pen and paper,  
as to trace her memories  
She looked up to the heavens,  
and the words she said were these:

"Lord, my boy was special,  
and he meant so much to me  
And though I'd love to have him,  
just one more time to see

All I have are memories,  
and monuments recall  
So Lord, let me know he's not  
just a name upon a wall"

"He's really missed by family,  
being home on Christmas day  
He died for God and Country,  
in a place so far away

I remember just a little boy,  
playing war when he was three  
But this time it's for real.  
He won't be coming home to me"

"You know my boy was special,  
and he meant so much to me  
And though I'd love to have him here,  
I know that this can't be

So thank you for the memories,  
and the moments I recall  
And please just tell him  
he is more than a name upon a wall"