



INVISIBLE SOLDIER

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You can tell her by the twinkle in her eye,
At parades when the flag marches by.
She served our country and she served it very well.
Some have even served a tour or two in Hell.

She suffered hardship and never ceased to care.
It gave us strength just to know that she was there.
She was a leader, you could tell by the rank she wore,
But she became the invisible soldier after the war.

She can march, she can fly, and she can sail.
She proved that bravery isn't exclusive of the male.
She did every job she was asked and more,
But she became the invisible soldier after the war.

Now, it is finally time to right a wrong.
Honor our sister soldier; hear her song.
It's very clear that she's a patriot to the core.
Don't let her be the invisible soldier anymore.

This poem is cast in bronze and stands beside the Arizona Women Veterans' Memorial at the Arizona National Memorial Cemetery in Cave Creek, Arizona. Sarge unveiled it on Memorial Day 1996 at the Memorial Day Veterans' Ceremonies.