

TOUR OF DUTY

**When I was sent
I was not sure why
But when I got there
I thought i would die
The first day in country
I could see no reason
Why God put me here
In the rainy season
The country was so beautiful
And all so green
It was one of the prettifiest places
That ever I'd seen
In the dark of the first night
The fear was to grow
Don't ask me why
For I do not know
As days turned into weeks
My friends disappeared
Charlie was hiding and oh how I feared
For when Charlie
Decided to play
He always made sure
That someone would pay
As weeks turned into months
Time was running out
Could I survive
I really had a doubt
As shots rang out
And people fell
Oh my god
Am I going to hell
The relief was felt
It wasn't you that went down
But made you feel guilty**

**As you were looking around
Many of our soldiers
Lay on the ground
How did it happen
That so many were down
These hurt young men
So far from home
Being here with strangers
Feeling so alone
As tears ran down
Many a face
Please don't let me die
In this far away place
As helicopters come
To take them away
They'll be going home
And home they will stay
Thank you god
For letting some of us live
Now teach us
How to forgive**

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