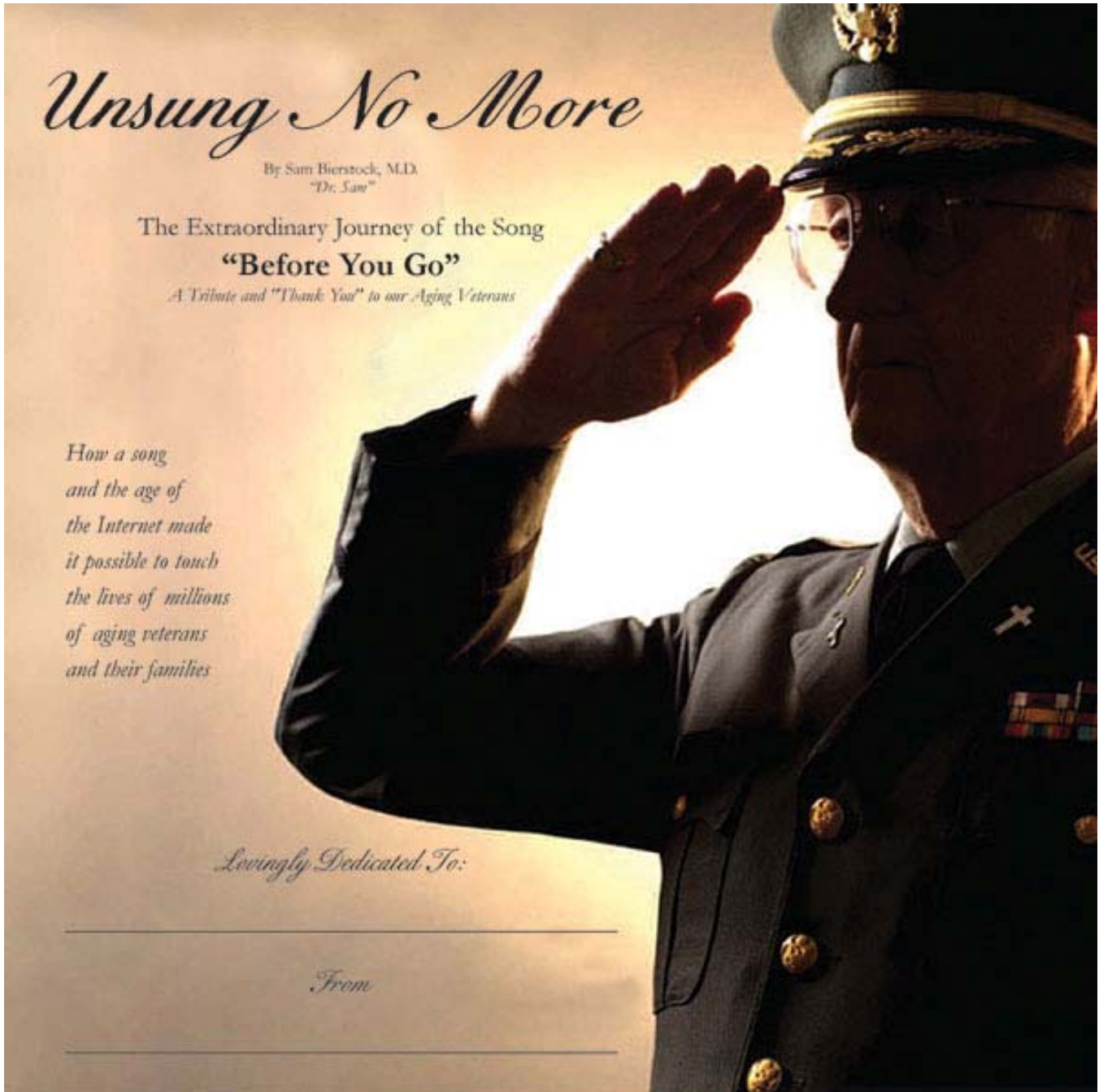


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A Tribute and "Thank You" to our Aging Veterans

*How a song
and the age of
the Internet made
it possible to touch
the lives of millions
of aging veterans
and their families*

Lovingly Dedicated To:

From

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Sampling of Responses

My husband is a Korean War Veteran. I learned about your site through an e-mail from a friend. It was about 11:30 at night and my husband was sitting on the edge of the bed getting ready to go to bed. I started playing the song very softly just so I could hear it and not to disturb him. He is very hard of hearing, less than 7% in left ear and 0% in right ear (from Korean War). He had been talking to me and suddenly he got very quiet. I reached up and turned the music on as loud as I could so that he could hear it. I stayed facing my computer. About halfway through it I turned to look at him. I was shocked at what I saw and turned back around immediately and tears came to my eyes! My husband was standing at attention, saluting the pictures on the screen of my computer (his fellow veterans) and remained in that position till the song ended the second time around.

Later that night he informed me that when he is (I hope several years down the road) on his death bed, that is the only song he wants played. It is also to be the only song at his funeral. (God forbid that comes anytime soon).

I have ordered both the CD and DVD package and it should be here any day now. He will receive it as a Christmas Present.

Our son and daughter know of his wishes and Our son has listened to the song on the internet also. He has agreed that is the song that will be played for Dad when the time comes.

I just wanted to let you know the impact your song has had on my husband.
Sincerely,.....Claudia Minard, Hastings NE.

To Dr. Sam & John Melnick: Thank you for sharing your wonderful song, it made me cry.....that is a good thing. I have forwarded the link to my father in law who was in the Swedish Special Forces that stopped the Nazis for getting the "heavy water" in Norway, needed for a Nuclear weapon. Also I forwarded it to my son's God Father that was in the Army rangers. He landed on the shores of Sicily, Anzio and was grateful for that experience before landing on Normandy on D-day. He was the ripe old age of 17 years when he joined the Army. The whole world owes a great debt of thanks and accolades to the "Greatest Generation"L.L., Dallas, Texas

While I set here and cry wanted to thank you. You have something that expresses my feelings better than all the words I have said on the subject in my 56 years of life.
Thank you!

My father is an X-Marine. He was shot in the back in world war II. When I was young, and we would ask about the war, he would only tell us of the funny things or good experiences that would happen. Later in life, after a bottle or two of wine, he told me that the vets were told not to share their horrors of war for one reason or another. He then started to open up to the unspeakable horrors. Many of them I just don't know how he was able to cope with. Many of us are of a generation that were skipped over for serving our country. I think it was because of men like my father that knew of the horrors and did not want their sons to have to experience it. I can never thank them enough. Thank you for thinking of them and I am proud to know you and wishing the door that has opened to you leads to greater things. It will touch the vets and their families as it has me and say what we feel. I am sending it on to my 84 year old father.....from St. Croix, Virgin Islands

This has special meaning to me. My dad lives with me, is 85 years young, and marched into the concentration camp with the 42nd Rainbow Division at Dachau in Munich on April 30th, 1945. What he saw was the worse than he could have imagined. I have a photo of him pulling a man out of a boxcar of bodies that were gassed. The man was waving his hand. My dad spotted him and said "Hey Colonel, we have a live one". Dad picked up the man and he asked him in German if he was free and dad sad "You're free". He handed him to a medic and never saw him again. It's great having him with me and I know the clock is ticking. I will have him login in and see and hear the song. He has a few lifelong friends still with us from the Rainbow Division that marched into Dachau with him and I know he will email this to them. Thank you.....from Boynton Beach, FL.

Thanks for sharing this. It's very moving and definitely brought back the pride in my father's efforts at that time and over the years. He died a couple of years ago.....from Houston, TX

I passed this along to my father, he'll likely send it out to his shipmates from the Haida, many of whom were aboard Canada's heroic battleship during its an incredible record of fighting the enemy in WW2. Canada doesn't really know or often acknowledge their military history, and it's important for people to know what their contribution was. These things help remind us that we always have to fight for everyone's freedom, and never take peace for granted. Thanks again.....from Toronto, Canada

As I sit here in tears I can only say thank you - my dad is one of those veterans you wrote and sang about. He turned 80 in Sept and till this day does not mention what happened over there. Each year he travels to meet with his shipmates, and each year they commemorate the going home of another crew member. He loved serving his country and did so for over 22 years. I love our country and though I can't fight for her physically, I am honor and respect her, and would defend her with my life, just as I know my dad would have done. Even at his advanced years, he'd go back to war for her. I know because he tried, even to go back as a trainer. He loves and believes in America that much. This country and the freedom we have, the greatest that his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren can experience is because of men like my dad. In closing I'd like to add that even though this piece was great in itself it meant even more to me, as my dad is the man kneeling in Arlington. Please leave him in your production, as I know whomever he was visiting would be honored. A thousand times over ---- Thank You.Kathy Wood

Very moving. I watched it with tears rolling down my face because my father, who is almost 86, is a WWII vet who can barely speak about his experiences even after all this time. I'll make sure that he and my family see this.....from Canada

" I don't have the words to describe how beautiful and how moved I was by "Before You Go. I hope it soon will be on radio and TV so it can be heard by all those without a computer. I work at a dealership, do a monthly newsletter, Reference to the article in the Post Times along with the website will be on the front page. Thank you for reminding us of how much we owe these veterans and how little time there is left to thank them.....D.C.

I want very much to share the below site with you. I read today's newspaper and there was an article about an Ophthalmologist here in the Palm Beaches, and his band who plays some rather funny songs regarding today's medicine and related problems. He recently encountered an embittered elderly man who was a parking lot attendant who said something along the lines of, "I took 2 bullets for my country in WWII and look what I got to be"..... This brought to this Dr.'s attention the fact of how many of our WWII veterans are passing away without our ever having thanked them for the efforts, courage and personal sacrifices made. These sacrifices ultimately has influenced and affected all of OUR lives significantly, for which we all have taken for granted. As a result of his encounter, he wrote and recorded with a fellow band member, the song and slide show you are about to see. It made me sad to think how many of these brave Vets have passed away over the years without even a Thank You, from a generation + that has followed and benefited from their brave efforts. I was moved by this article and after visiting the site and listening & watching the slide show. I want to now say that I personally will thank those WWII Vets that I come in contact with in the future and wish, at this time, to acknowledge one very special WWII Vet, at least to me and who I am sending this to as well, my father, Colonel Kenneth A. Euart, USAF (R), who not only served in WWII, but also during Korea and Vietnam Wars as well. THANK YOU DAD!J.E.

" My eyes are filled with tears. Thanks, for my dad who landed and fought on Omaha Beach . Your song and pictures have touched me way down deep in my heart. THANK YOU!!!!D.J. , Daughter of J. L. M., PFC US Army

" Attn: Dr. Sam: My father lost one brother in Italy and also his younger brother lost his mind in the Pacific. He came home a vegetable. He was a sergeant in the Army Medical Corps. They brought him back with electric shock treatments. He was a ward of the government until he died. My Grandma Peterson never recovered from that war. She was a sad person as I remember her. I never saw her smile or laugh. She turned inward to her Lutheran faith. Read her Bible daily. We owe so much to that Second World War generation. They handled the Great Depression and then turned right around and took care of business in the Second World War. I never heard them complain much - just took things as they were and moved on. God bless them. ...Anyway, it is wonderful for you to write a song in memory of those who are now passing on that fought that war. They are all gone now in my family. I sure miss them.

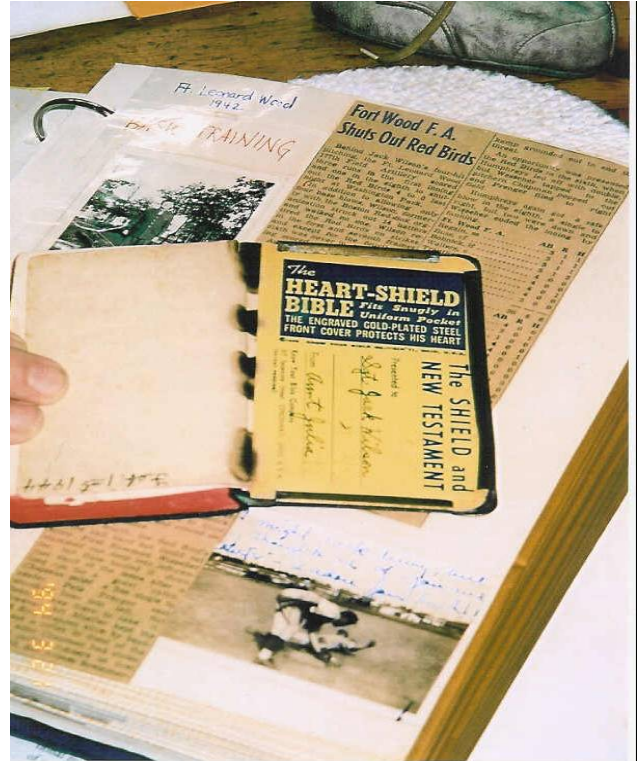
" This CD is just so wonderful. My husband is a WW 2 veteran and a very proud one. He cried so when he listened to the music. Can I purchase the CD and how. Please let me know. Thank you for being so sensitive to the veterans.

" Just a note to say thank you!!!! I loved Before You Go and have played it a hundred times already!! I've also e mailed everyone I know to share with them your heartfelt lyrics and photo essay--it is definitely a song on the magnitude of Lee Greenwood's Proud to Be an American---which has been a favorite for years!!! God bless your generosity in reaching out online to the many veterans of our great country!!!!S.S.
Thank You, it brought tears to my eyes. I'm also a Vet.

Sample Story

Jack Wilson
Provided by Wayne Edwards

Jack Wilson carried his son's shoe in his helmet throughout the war in Europe. He is shown below, 50 years later, holding the shoe that he carried. Jack also kept the heart shield bible given to him by his aunt before he left for Normandy. Heart shield bibles had a metal cover and were carried in the left shirt pocket to protect the heart. He also kept a copy of the Stars and Stripes headline announcing Hitler's death.



**Sample of more than 38 pages for personalized photos
corresponding to each line of lyric to "Before You Go"**

< Insert photo here of your
family
member veteran or friend >

Quietly you've all turned gray