

The Flag, Another Veteran

I was with Washington at Valley Forge
Oh, what a pitiful sight.
The soldiers were freezing and hungry
On those cold and wintry nights.

I was at Fort McHenry
With Frances Scott Key.
He wrote the Star Spangled Banner
It makes me proud, yet humble, it talks about me.

I was at the battle of Gettysburg
Where a lot of soldiers had to go.
Where Lincoln gave his famous address
It begins with, four score and seven years ago.

I was at the Little Big Horn
At Custer's last stand.
There was Crazy Horse, Sitting Bull, Black Elk
The Lakota Sioux, the Cheyenne.

I was in the Spanish American War.
Now that was quite a thrill.
Charging with Teddy Roosevelt
Up San Juan Hill.

I was in Europe during World War I
The trenches were a terrible mess.
The mustard gas came on the soldiers
And took away their breath.

I was in Pearl Harbor
On December 7, 1941
I was on the Battleship Missouri
When the war was finally won.

I was in Korea
Where several things were frozen.
The soldiers kept up their vigil
They knew they had been chosen.

I was in Southeast Asia in Vietnam
Those demonstrations made the people stare.
Of how our soldiers were treated
When they returned from over there.

In 2001 I was in New York
Atop the twin towers, with a beautiful view.
But because of the attack, I was injured and torn
As I'm sure were many of you.

And now I'm in the Persian Gulf
Way over in Iraq.
I hope the men and women who go there
All safely make it back.

So You See.

I've been around since the beginning
I've seen the struggles the tears, the cost.
My stars, my stripes, my colors
Were made by Betsy Ross.

I've been around since the beginning
I'm proud of where I'm at.
I enjoy a gentle breeze
So wave and I'll wave back.

I've been around since the beginning
Each furl tells a story.
I'm referred to as the flag
But I like being called "Ole Glory".

Now to all you Veterans here
Whose numbers are not a few.
Let it be my turn
To give a salute to you.

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