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HERO Robert H. Waldruff

Young and proud America needed him
wanting the best Marine he chose
earning the title more difficult than imagined

Leaving wife and baby daughter
with a kiss of confidence
he went to war

Months of futility led to a mountaintop
surrounded by thunder and rain
he sent artillery into a valley
of death and destruction

Suddenly God rendered a decision
lightning delivered the verdict
the Marine surrendered without pain

Loss and sorrow clothed his wife
proud and thankful for his love
weeping loneliness crushing her soul
she prayed for her child