

Rhonda Vincent, Till They Came Home

times were hard but they were fun
in 1941

the year that Jim and Catherine fell in love
they were graduating college
their heads were full of knowledge
and visions of taking on the world
but Uncle Sam and those Pearl Harbor bombs
pulled Jim away from Catherine's arms
then along came Vietnam

in 1961

the year that Bob and Mandy said "I do";
they bought a house outside the city
everything was sitting pretty
but again old Uncle Sam said "I need you";
Bob said "Mandy, honey I'll be back
don't you worry, you can count on that";

and as the headlines rolled
every mother prayed
every father laid awake
the whole night through
every brother bragged
every sister cried
every hometown across this land held on
til they came home

times were hard but they were fun
in 1991

the year that John and Sally said goodbye
he held two kids in his arms
as she left for Desert Storm
John could see the sadness in her eyes
he watched her sail away navy blue
up on the quarter deck in full salute

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some came home as heroes
proud to be back
some came home as heroes
covered with the flag

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