

# 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

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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  
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covered with the flag

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