

THE MARINE

*We all came together, Both young and old To fight for
our freedom, To stand and be bold.*

*In the midst of all evil, We stand our ground, And we
protect our country From all terror around.*

*Peace and not war, Is what some people say. But I'll
give my life, So you can live the American way.*

*I give you the right To talk of your peace. To stand
in your groups, and protest in our streets.*

*But still I fight on, I don't bitch, I don't whine.
I'm just one of the people Who is doing your time.*

*I'm harder than nails, Stronger than any machine. I'm
the immortal soldier, I'm a U.S. MARINE!*

*So stand in my shoes, And leave from your home. Fight
for the people who hate you, With the protests they've
shown.*

*Fight for the stranger, Fight for the young. So they
all may have, The greatest freedom you've won.*

*Fight for the sick, Fight for the poor Fight for the
cripple, Who lives next door.*

*But when your time comes, Do what I've done. For if
you stand up for freedom, You'll stand when the
fight's done.*

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*March 23, 2003 Hey Dad, Do me a favor and label
this "The Marine" and send it to everybody on
your email list. Even leave this letter in it. I
want this rolling all over the US; I want every
home reading it. Every eye seeing it. And every
heart to feel it. So can you please send this
for me? I would but my email time isn't that
long and I don't have much time anyway. You know
what Dad? I wondered what it would be like ! to
truly understand what JFK said in His inaugural
speech. "When the time comes to lay down my life
for my country, I do not cower from this*

responsibility. I welcome it." Well, now I know. And I do. Dad, I welcome the opportunity to do what I do. Even though I have left behind a beautiful wife, and I will miss the birth of our first born child, I would do it 70 times over to fight for the place that God has made for my home. I love you all and I miss you very much. I wish I could be there when Sandi has our baby, but tell her that I love her, and Lord willing, I will be coming home soon. Give Mom a great big hug from me and give one to yourself too. Aaron Please let this marine (and all our military) know we care by passing his poem onto your friends even if you don't usually take time to forward mail..do it this time!Thanks,

Aaron

If this touched you as much as it touched me, please forward it on.Let's help Aaron's dad spread the word ... Pastor Bob+
FREEDOM isn't FREE. someone pays for you and me.