

Old soldiers

We should spend time with old soldiers who've been in world wars

Trouble today is people don't talk anymore,

They have good war stories they want to share

But this generation doesn't really care

At sixteen and seventeen they had to enlist

For their families left behind they were sadly missed,

At mealtimes there was a space at the table

Knowing their son would be home if he was able

They could tell us more about war than from a book

And about seeing comrades die from the bullets they took,

In dirty water logged trenches they had to wait

Waiting for the enemy like fish to bait

From an early age these soldiers gave their life

And back home they left a family and wife,

The old and young should make an effort to get on at last

We should show respect and listen to old soldiers before they pass

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