

I Am A Soldier

~ Anonymous ~

My blood permeates the soil of many countries.

I have gasped my last breath on many a desolate stretch of beach.

**For you...all of you, the children who play in the parks, the mothers who watch over them,
the fathers who struggle to sustain them.**

**There are those here who have belittled and reviled me, who have made a mockery of me and what I
stand for.**

You, also, have I suffered and died for.

I withstood heat, insects and disease so the right to dissent would be yours.

**I endured the pain and terror of battle and the maiming of my body to ensure that you might worship
as you please.**

**I died in agony In order that you, no matter who or what you are, have the freedom to choose your
own destinies.**

**AND I WOULD DO IT AGAIN because I believe in the ideals that made this country what it is
today...FREE.**

I love her with a deep and abiding love that transcends mere physical pain.

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Pray that I will always be there, for if I disappear from this country, so will you.