

Paying for Freedom

Freedom, a word you and I use as just any other one
Yet for any soldier, the word is like priceless gems
For that soldier doesn't just know that freedom isn't free
That soldier has learned the price
They have seen other soldiers fall to a bullet
They have met the grieving families mourning the loss of the soldier
They have seen the tears, lives, and drops of blood
These injuries to mind, body, and heart that push them to their limits
The things that slowly pay for our freedom
They have also made their own contributions to this never-ending toll
Whether it be limb, friend, or life all together
These men and women have donated to this payment
The payment that we are sadly still paying
And on this glorious day we look back and honor these people
These contributors, these donators,
These men and women who proudly call themselves American soldiers or veterans
And to you, we thank you

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