

## 19 (Nineteen) - 1/2

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In 1965 Vietnam seemed like just another foreign war, but it wasn't  
It was different in many ways, as so were those that did the fighting  
In World War II the average age of the combat soldier was 26...  
In Vietnam he was 19  
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(TV announcer's voice)  
The shooting and fighting of the past two weeks continued today  
25 miles west of Saigon  
I really wasn't sure what was going on (Vet's Voice)

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In Vietnam the combat soldier typically served a twelve month tour of duty but was exposed to hostile  
fire almost everyday  
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Hundreds of Thousands of men who saw heavy combat in Vietnam were arrested since discharge  
Their arrest rate is almost twice that of non-veterans of the same age  
There are no accurate figures of how many of these men have been incarcerated  
But, a Veterans Administration study concludes that the greater of Vets exposure to combat  
could more likely affect his chances of being arrested or convicted

This is one legacy of the Vietnam War

(Singing Girls)  
All those who remember the war  
They won't forget what they've seen...  
Destruction of men in their prime  
whose average was 19  
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After World War II the Men came home together on troop ships, but the Vietnam  
Vet often arrived home within 48 hours of jungle combat  
Perhaps the most dramatic difference between World War II and VietNam was coming home...  
None of them received a hero's welcome  
None of them received a heroes welcome, none of them, none of them  
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None of them received a hero's welcome  
None of them received a hero's welcome

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According to a Veteran's Administration study  
Half of the Vietnam combat veterans suffered from what Psychiatrists call  
Post-Traumatic-Stress-Disorder  
Many vets complain of alienation, rage, or guilt  
Some succumb to suicidal thoughts  
Eight to Ten years after coming home almost eight-hundred-thousand men are still fighting  
The Vietnam War

(Singing Girls)  
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(Soldiers Voice)  
When we came back it was different.. Everybody wants to know "How'd it  
happened to those guys over there  
There's gotta be something wrong somewhere  
We did what we had to do  
There's gotta be something wrong somewhere  
People wanted us to be ashamed of what it made us  
Dad had no idea what he went to fight and he is now  
All we want to do is come home  
All we want to do is come home  
What did we do it for  
All we want to do is come home  
Was it worth it?