

Korean War—1951–1953



A Last Moment Caught

It comes again,
without prejudice,
in another millennium;
I know the weight of an M-1 rifle
on a web strap hanging on my shoulder,
the owed knowledge of a ponderous steel helmet
atop my head, press of a light lace on one
boot, wrap of a leather watch band
on my wrist,
and who stood beside me
who stand no more.

—Tom Sheehan
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