Heaven’s Gate

I open my eyes and all is white

So peaceful, so calm

I rise to my feet and glance around

All is white

So peaceful, so calm

I begin to walk, knowing that Afgan is far behind

I remember the fear and a job to do

Semper Fi, Semper Fi

I continue walking, but don’t seem to move

I call out, but no echo, no reply

So peaceful, so calm

He appears beside me, a man in white

I glance and he smiles

So peaceful, so calm

Emotions rise up, I know that I’m gone

A hand on my shoulder

No sadness, no fear

But Casey, Chad and Noah, I whisper

I am with them, he replies

And we continue on

No sadness, no fear

The whiteness fades and a wall appears

Beautiful stone, perfectly laid

But how will they….I begin

Faith and family and friends, he replies

And gestures to a gate, neither grand nor golden

A simple wooden gate, a carpenter’s gate

Welcome home, Sam, He says

Welcome Home

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