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Eternal Soldier

By Steven Blattner

I am the eternal soldier in the blazing sun.

The heat is beating down on my neck.

I stand on the beach and see the ocean.

I see what could be,

But I know my duty.

The sweat slowly drips down my forehead.

I don't try to wipe it.

I don't flinch. I ignore it.

The sun continues blaring down on me.

I know I should not dare swim.

My orders are to be followed.

A path is to be taken.

But who gave me these orders?

Why am I the only one

To sit out here in the blazing sun?

Others chose not to.

They could not handle a life without fun.

Everyone else went for that swim.

So for now I am the only one.

I am the eternal soldier in the blazing sun.