

POEM; Something We Miss in This Country... In Honor of Pat Tillman

A Poem for Glenn Beck

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Glenn Beck! There is something we miss

in this country

that has made both of us

think about *honor*

and since you have just had the decency

to apologize on Fox News

August 29, 2010

(I have a big fat mouth)

for calling our President a *racist*

New York Times, August 29 2010

let me apologize in turn

for writing a whole book about America

of one hundred thousand words

in which the noun *honor* does not occur

American War Machine

when both of us

along with your huge red state audience

and my tiny blue state one

should be able to agree

to recognize and celebrate
the honor of Pat Tillman
who gave up a lucrative NFL career
to enlist as a U.S. Ranger
and fought in the Iraq war
with (as he noted in his journal)
little or no justification

other than our imperial whim

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and then after emails
about his desire to talk to Chomsky
was killed two months later
by a comrade in “friendly fire”

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Pat Tillman is what we have missed for a long time —
a national hero!

Not like the hypocrites above him
as high as the level of Rumsfeld’s office
and eventually the White House

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who in an election year
ordered a cover-up
and then a cover-up of the cover-up
burning his clothes and his notebook
in what his Ranger brother called
a series of *intentional falsehoods*
that meet the legal definition for fraud

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(with the destruction of evidence
and three bullet holes
in a tight cluster in the forehead

the doctor suspected *criminal intent*)

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Where are you Woody Guthrie?

And where are you Pete Seeger?

Is there not now some Leonard Cohen

who can bring us all together

to sing in the football stadiums

and poetry boutiques

across America

in honor of Pat Tillman

and condemn those hypocrites

who as could have been predicted

punished the men at the bottom

including the innocent

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while General McChrystal of JSOC

Joint Special Operations Command

whom the Army's own inquiry

recommended be disciplined

for giving *misleading answers*

<http://www.johntreed.com/McChrystal.html>

and who had already presided

over the torture and cover-up at Camp Nama
2006

Esquire August

was
rank?

promoted

to

the

highest

<http://www.johntreed.com/McChrystal.html>

Cf. Jon Krakauer, *Where Men Win Glory: the Odyssey of Pat Tillman* (New York: Doubleday, 2009)

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