



## PARADES & CEREMONIAL

### POEM

#### **"DIP NO FLAG FOR ME"**



**MY FLAGS ARE PRECIOUS TO ME,  
FOR I AM A VETERAN YOU SEE.  
SO CITIZEN, PLEASE BEAR WITH ME,  
AS I EXPLAIN THIS MATTER OF OUR FLAGS TO THEE.**

**MY FATHER FOUGHT UNDER THE ENSIGN FLAG.  
IN THE SERVICE OF PEACE, I TOO DID GO, UNDER THE SKY BLUE FLAG,  
MY WIFE SERVES UNDER ARMS, THE RED MAPLE LEAF FLAG,  
WE ARE PROUDLY ALL, THE DEFENDERS OF OUR FLAG.**

**YET THERE ARE THOSE WHO SADLY DIP MY BANNERS,  
FOR ALL KINDS OF COMMEMORATIVE MATTERS.  
SO MY FLAGS INSULTED, SO MY HEART GREATLY BATTERS,  
AS I WONDER, PRAY TELL, AT THIS ABSENCE OF MANNERS!**

**PLEASE CITIZEN, TREAT MY FLAGS WITH HONOUR,  
FOR I HELD THEM PROUDLY HIGH ON THE FIELD OF HONOUR,  
DEFENDING YOUR RIGHT TO HOLD MY FLAGS, WHICH YOU SO DISHONOUR,  
BY DIPPING TO GROUND, OUR MOST SACRED SYMBOLS IN SURRENDER!**

**PLEASE CITIZEN, PROUDLY HOLD MY FLAGS ON HIGH,  
DO NOT LET DIP OR TOUCH THE GROUND MY BANNERS FROM THE SKY.  
FOR WITH MY FLAGS TO SALUTE, YOU MUST LET FLY,  
SO YOU AND I MAY WATCH WITH PRIDE, OUR HONOUR IN THE SKY!**

**SO NOW THAT I HAVE EXPLAINED TO THEE,  
WHY MY FLAGS ARE PRECIOUS TO ME.  
IT IS WELL MY FATHER CAN NO LONGER SEE,  
HOW SHAMEFULLY, YOU DIP OUR FLAGS SO FREE.**

**OH MY FLAG SO FREE, I STILL STAND ON GUARD FOR THEE,  
AND SO, CITIZEN, IF I DIE FOR THEE, DIP NO FLAG FOR ME!**

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**BE A PROUD VETERAN – HOLD OUR FLAGS HIGH WITH HONOUR!**