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By Chelsea Fish

**It happened so sudden I didn't get to say goodbye.
We were living in the past and I can't recall why.
When I look back on that moment, your words couldn't be more clear.
I love you, baby, and I'll be home sooner than you may think.
We were fighting about the past; I didn't tell you I love you,
I didn't say goodbye.
That's what I remember.
I just hung up the phone and was left all alone
I cried myself to sleep that night and woke just before first light
There was a knock at the door where two men stood in uniform;
They told me you were coming home,
How grateful they were for what you'd done.
I don't recall the rest because I was thinking about goodbye.
All the things I left unsaid and all the reasons why;
Did you know that I love you?
Or that I really do care?
I didn't dare to say what was really on my mind.
And when the men handed me that flag
That you so dearly loved,
The flag I became jealous of,
I burst into tears and dropped to my knees,
Begging God to forgive me, Please!
They tried to tell me to just calm down; that they understood.
I looked them in the eye, said, "No, you don't."
I didn't take my chance to tell him that I love him,
That I really do care;
I said, "I just want you home."
I never dreamed it would be this way.
I wanted you in the home we shared,
Not down the road a ways.
Definitely not without goodbye;
I can't imagine what you thought,
I can't bear the fact that I chose that day as the day
Not to say goodbye.**