

# They Didn't Need to be Heroes

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Focus on the good they say, those selfless lives  
now lost.  
Remember what they gave that day, and how they  
paid the cost.  
Oh, they were heroes, through and through, and gave the  
precious gift;  
to save a life, they gave their own and yes they will  
be missed.  
We honor now the fallen dead, we tweet and share  
their name,  
we flood our feeds with pictures of those heroes  
just the same.  
But here's the thing, they didn't need to be heroes  
at all.  
And while we honor sacrifice, they didn't need  
to fall  
Unfortunate as it may be, each time we share  
their face,  
unwittingly we draw attention from the  
needed place.  
They didn't need to be heroes, they didn't need  
to die.  
They would not have had to become another  
Sacrifice.  
Each time we honor those now dead, and say forget  
the one  
who took upon himself the post of god and  
shot the gun.  
Each time the focus shifts to them, the heroes who  
have died,  
the men in power, with their wealth are surely  
satisfied.  
It's time we talk about the crime and all those who  
commit,

from triggers pulled, to donations, the royal  
one percent.  
They did not need to be heroes, they did not need  
to die,  
and men in power have the means to stop us  
asking why.  
But I would say, remember those in whose hands  
lay the guns.  
who take away our heroes and our daughters and  
our sons.  
Remember what they did I say, remember and  
perhaps  
the rage and wrath will finally eliminate  
the gaps,  
the gaps in all the rhetoric, the flaws in all  
the laws,  
and maybe once we remember we'll gather in  
our cause.  
We'll keep the heroes living long, the children  
we'll protect  
with reformation, new ideas, and mutual  
respect.  
I will not be the next hero, I will not give  
my life  
because some coward with a gun decides that I  
should die.  
They didn't want to be heroes, nor did they want  
to die!  
No perfect solution exists, at least we still  
can try.