



## Mother of a Soldier

I am a mother of a soldier.

Proud, strong and loyal to the job and the country for which my child serves.  
But in the quiet, when I can let my fears surface, I cannot hold back the tears.  
This is the boy I raised and held in my arms, and promised to keep safe.  
I held his hand when he crossed the street, and kissed his brow when he slept.  
Who will keep him safe now? Who will protect the boy I love so dearly?

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I stand with countless others who send their children off to war.  
Who pray each day that their child will return home to the comfort of his family.  
I gather strength from the community of mothers, wives and daughters of soldiers.  
We keep the home fires burning, so that they may serve their grateful country.  
They keep us all safe. Their bravery protects the country we love so dearly.

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Proud, strong and loyal to the child that I nurtured and watched grow into a man.  
I can no longer protect him for he possesses the knowledge to care for himself.  
My child now holds my hand, kisses my brow and promises to keep me from harm.  
He has taught me the true meaning of sacrifice, and the true face of courage.  
I pray for his safety. May God's grace protect him and keep him...and bring Peace.

By Lisa Wolf  
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**We honor our family members who proudly protect and serve our country:**

**SFC David E. Goldsberry  
SPC Christopher Lee Garcia  
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