

## *The Womb of the Unknown Soldier*

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Is unoccupied at the moment  
could be most anywhere  
maybe belongs to that woman  
three seats ahead of me on the bus  
who is waiting patiently for her stop  
after another busy boring day  
in an office with beige drapes  
and coffee stains on the carpeting  
to go home to an unemployed husband  
already working his second six pack  
of the afternoon neither of them  
having the slightest notion that  
they will conceive a child  
who will become dead  
in a war not yet named  
between their country  
and another not yet hostile  
and the sacrificed child  
as yet still unconceived  
will be nameless  
and famous forever.