

I am a Soldier

I am a soldier always on active duty, always fighting. I wear no uniform, no patch on my shoulder. If you pass me on the street you won't say, "look there goes a soldier". But I am a soldier. The war I fight is a daily one. Though I know it will not end and though I know I can not win. I stand tall. I stand ready. And I fight. This war has no catchy name said with gusto. It is not the stuff history books are made of. There will be no mini series based from it. And it will not be known to children around the world. But does that make it any less important any less real? No, quite the contrary. This war is a very real war. And I am a soldier on the front lines. I carry no weapons, no material devices, no real means of protection. What I carry with me is faith and I believe in myself. I carry determination. So no matter how many times I am knocked down, I know that I can and I will get back up. This is not a just war, it is not a fair war. But that is the nature of the beast. I know not when this war will end. Nor what devastation will be left in its wake. But I shall not falter in my fight. For this war is my war. A muster has arrived and I will stand and I will fight. Fight against my body, fight against within me, fight for my future. Fight is what I shall do. If this disease wants a piece of me, let it come and get me. I am standing tall and ready and I shall not back down. I am a Soldier.

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