

Private First Class

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Private Manning standing in a court room
Pleading guilty; she shouldn't have to
Truth be told, she should be floating down parade routes
But - the truth WAS told, and what good did that do?

If it was you
You might wish you'd been born a liar
A coward

Her conscience barked as she watched our Apache
Cowboy-kill civilian Iraqis
Their laughter rolled like tanks over bodies
She thought: "What if everyone could see what I see?"

If it was you
You might wish you'd been born a liar
A coward

9 months in a hole
3 years in a cage
For having a soul
The American way

If it was you
You might wish you'd been born a liar
A coward
And not a hero