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## **Aftermath of Wars –Khaliyah Hasham**

We celebrate victory after the war  
Joyous parties galore as soldiers arrive at their families' doors  
The look of happiness, of joy, and of smiles on their faces  
Children's eyes exclaiming relief as they flash their reflective, shiny braces

But what really is the ultimate outcome of the war?  
Is it what it seems?  
Should this be considered a victory?  
Or a cruel evil scheme?  
Two sides to every story  
Two outcomes to every fight  
What about the empty doorsteps that await lost soldiers every night?

Widows shedding tears while children weeping  
A rush of sadness sinking in, as grief starts creeping  
Torrent waves of fear, of sorrow, and of misery roams  
As families endlessly pace throughout their empty homes

For the aftermath of the war is not always what we perceive  
As some soldiers go home, while other families grieve.