

You are in the Shadow

in the shadow of the Vietnam Memorial
are the walking wounded
those who did not die

whole
but died little deaths
of soul or mind, of body
whose nightmares and images
feelings of responsibility
moral grief
persist
and wreak havoc
in the soul's
progression

the shadows
lengthen
and
recede
as the feelings of
guilt and disability
moral confusion and mental loss
ebb and
flow

touching us
All.

in recognizing our loss there is hope. for C.B.