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## Battle Fatigue

Years afterward he sleeps till five  
on Sunday afternoon

Sleepwalks through two divorces  
with little more than a wounded grunt

A widower now  
he dozes through the game of the week

Between innings switches to the history channel  
to revisit the foxholes of his youth

Though he lives alone he still goes outside  
to smoke beneath the stars

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