

CINDY VEACH

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## At the Wall

Pack of cigarettes. Popsicle stick.	<i>This is the success of failure.</i>
Purple heart, baseball mitt.	<i>You are blood on my hands.</i>
Zippo lighter, sardine tin.	<i>I used to have a buddy.</i>
Flak jacket. Baby shoes.	<i>Who liked to fish in the streams.</i>
Be My Valentine wreath, whiskey.	<i>You are screams in my ears.</i>
Stick of gum, M&M's.	<i>You are eyes in my soul.</i>
Corsage, postcard, peanuts.	<i>One day we do.</i>
Royal flush, C-rations.	<i>One day we don't.</i>
Quarter, letter (in Ziplock bag).	<i>Each day slips away into dusk</i>
Golf club, dog tags.	<i>As they lay in my arms.</i>
Kool Aid packet, shell.	<i>That is the way it is.</i>
Bible, boots, teddy bear.	<i>Can you take my picture with a name?</i>

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