

IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE SOLDIER

It is the soldier, not the reporter,  
Who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the soldier, not the poet,  
Who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the soldier, not the campus organizer,  
Who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.

It is the soldier  
Who salutes the flag,  
Who serves beneath the flag,  
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,  
That allows the protestor to burn the flag.