## The Soldier

It is the soldier, not the preacher,
who has given you freedom of religion.

It is the soldier, not the reporter,
who has given you freedom of the press.

It is the soldier, not the poet,
who has given you freedom of speech.

It is the soldier, not the protester, who has given you freedom to assemble.

It is the soldier, not the lawyer,
who has given you the right to a fair trial.

It is the soldier, not the politician, who has given you the right to vote

It is the soldier, who salutes the Flag, who serves under the Flag, whose coffin is draped by the Flag.