

*Paige Powell Music Blog for May 22, 2020:*

## *The Story Behind the Song, "When The Night Says "Goodbye" To The Sun"*

**I don't ever get lonely.** I think it's because I was an only child, so being alone seems very normal and comfortable to me. I live alone with my cat, Mia and feel fine about it. **But I did get lonesome when I was married.** When my husband was away on business trips I was lonely, but it was because **I was lonely FOR someone** — him. One time, he had to work on an off-shore drilling rig in the middle of the Indian Ocean, and he was gone for 6 weeks. It was one of the worst times in my entire life.

I decided to draw upon those feelings, those strong emotions of loneliness when I wrote *"When The Night Says Goodbye To The Sun"*. It's the only song I've written about feeling lonely, and thought it could apply to wives whose husbands are deployed in the military. Over the years, I've played it on Memorial Day weekends and **dedicated it to military wives**, who endure MONTHS away from their spouse. I can't even imagine that level of feeling lonely.

**I played this song for my Dad**, during one of my "concerts" for him while visiting. He listened quietly to the entire song and then said it needed a better ending. He asked, "Well, he's coming back, isn't he? Shouldn't there be more at the end?" So, for my Dad, I added the happy ending, the "knowing" that "someday I will have you in sight..." and it now has a **much better ending. Thanks, Dad!** (He passed on in 2013, so he won't be reading this unless there's internet in Heaven.)

**I'm still writing songs and submitting them to the Nashville Songwriters Association International (NSAI)** as well as attending our DC chapter via Zoom. It's wonderful to hang with my fellow songwriters and chat about the craft of songwriting. I brought my newest song, *"I Didn't Know Her Name"* to them and they suggested lots of changes. The new version is called *"I Don't Even Know Your Name"*! Yes, the original title for *"When The Night Says Goodbye To The Sun"* was *"I Miss You"* and while I was recording it, the working title was *"Cry In Your Beer"*. We songwriters have lots of fun!

So, dear reader, please take a few minutes on **Memorial Day** to think about our fallen soldiers and pray God's comfort to their families. **And here's a food tip:** You can make guacamole (and squeeze a lime instead of a lemon) and use it as a thick salad dressing!

