

This Is Baghdad

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Everything's broken in the birthplace of law
As Generation Two tries on his tragic flaw
America's might under desert sun

I saw her frightened eyes behind the muzzle of her gunUranium dust and the smell of decay

 Sewage in the street where the kids run and play
 Not enough morphine and not enough gauze
 Firefight in darkness like snapping of jaws

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 But some radiant energy flared up into the light
 Like the sky throwing its hands up in a horrified dismay

Or the souls of the dead as they sped on their wayCarbombed and carjacked and kidnapped and shot

 How do you like it, this freedom we brought
 We packed all the ordnance but the thing we forgot
 Was a plan in case it didn't turn out quite like we thought

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