Poppies

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A child ran through the meadow on a sun drenched summer day

And then he stopped his play and kneeled in a field of poppies

A man walked through my ghetto on a humid summer day

And then he stopped to pay and he dealed in a field of poppiesOh, flower of forgetfulness just an hour away to the moon

Take a deep breath if you are reaching for truth

While you're in the stupor the door knocks

And death takes another youthPoppies, red poppies, red poppiesA boy I used to know a boy I used to know

Who's laughter rang to the skies was a joy to behold

Then I looked into his eyes a look so cold

A boy who rose on [incomprehensible] in a field of poppiesPoppies, red poppies, red poppies

Red poppies, red poppies

Red poppies, red poppies

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