

# Forgotten Sons

## Fish

Armalite, street lights, night-sights  
Searching the roofs for a sniper, viper, fighter  
Death in the shadows he'll maim you, wound you, he'll kill you  
For long-forgotten cause, on not so foreign shores  
Boys baptised in warsMorphine, chill stream, bad dream  
Serving as numbers on dogtags, flak-rags, sandbags  
Your girl has married your best friend, love's end, poison pen  
Your flesh will always creep, tossing turning sleep  
The wounds that burn so deepYour mother sits on the edge of the world  
When the cameras start to roll  
Panoramic viewpoints resurrect the killing fold  
Your father drains another beer he's one of the few that cares  
Crawling behind a saracen's hull  
From the safety of his living room chair  
Forgotten sons, forgotten sons, forgotten sonsAnd so I patrol in the valley of the shadow of the tricolor  
I must fear evil for I am but mortal and mortals can only die  
Asking questions, pleading answers from the nameless  
Faceless watchers that stalk the carpeted corridors of whitehall  
Who order desecration, mutilation, verbal masturbation  
In their guarded bureaucratic wombsMinister, minister care for your children, order them not  
Into damnation to eliminate those who would trespass  
Against you, for whose is the kingdom?  
The power and the glory, forever and ever  
AmenHalt who goes there?DeathApproach.... friendYou're just another coffin on it's way down the emerald  
aisle  
Where the children's stony glances mourn your death  
In a terrorist's smile  
The bomber's arm places fiery gifts on the supermarket shelves  
Alleys sing with shrapnel, dance in a temporary hellForgotten sonsFrom the dole queue to the regiment a  
profession in a flash  
But remember monday's signings when from door to door you dash  
On the news a nation mourns your unknown soldier count the cost  
For a second you'll be famous but labelled posthumousForgotten sons  
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Peace on earth and mercy mild, mother brown has lost her child  
Just another forgotten son

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