Chaotic Youth "A Murder of Memories"

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It's now twenty-five years later, he's on the brink of fourty-three

Still searchin' for sanity, surveyin' the floor of his distorted sea

He remembers high-school friends jokin' about the war Never knew what Mom was cryin' for

The other piece that shines in his mind Is the divine first-love soul-mate beauty brown-eyed queen he left behind

He remembers holdin' her tight, watchin' the sunset at shore

Never knew what she was cryin' for

He got the letter in his mail by the middle of his summer

Wouldn't have had to go if it wasn't for his new born brother

He was barely eighteen, murdering people even younger

And he still ducks and covers every time he hears the thunder

He still hears the screams, smells the flesh, tastes the death

Sees the blood, feels the pain What's to gain? Nothing's left but the slug that remains in his right path The bullet laughs every time he cries, and it drives him mad Trying to sleep, but the visions give him a cold sweat The war's been over for two decades, but he still hasn't been home yet

Everyday he wakes and strains to repress his guilt And forget the horror, the violence, the kill-or-be-killed

Fists are always clenched, teeth are always grindin'
Real life is lost, and in a bottle he tries to find it
"It's not fair", he mumbles through a nightmare
Only in the fight for two years, and wound up spendin'
his whole life there

He was face to face with the devil for the "welfare" of his country

Now he's strainin' to live, but his conscience won't let him

It ain't flashbacks, you have to understand the tragedy, see

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It's now twenty-five years later, he's on the edge of a park bench

He's asked God for help, but found his source nonexistent

He sits in the shadows, 'cause his sun burns no more Now he knows what Mom was cryin' for

I used to watch old man in the park, the sight slowly drove right

through my heart

Wishin' I could help, but not knowin' where to start I'd walk away, curse the world, gush some love, and curse some more

Now you know who I've been cryin' for

He threw his medals in the river, but they sunk alone Put shades on his eyes, to hide him from the war zone in the sky

He tried to slit his wrists about a month ago But he's seen so much death, he's scared to life of suicide

If there was some way to break him out of this penitentiary

Gulps get bigger and figures it'll chase away his memories

But the dreams only worsen, the scenes almost burst in

He recalls how training took away his right to be a person

Put a gun in his hand, left him to die with the land The plan was the murder of man Politicians have a dispute, decide to send in troops But the truth is, they just don't understand

Now he's runnin' out of time, and runnin' out of energy But till the last day, he'll be fighting for the murder of his memories

And although he never got rid of his dog-tags He still wishes they'd have sent his parents and american flag (instead of him)

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