

## **Claude-Michel Schonberg**

### **"Bui Doi"**

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[CHOIR]

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The Dust of life  
Concieved in hell  
And born is strife  
They are the the living reminders  
Of all the good we failed to do  
We can't forget  
Must not forget  
That they are all  
Our children too

[JOHN]

Like all survivors, I once thought  
When I'm home I won't give a damn  
But now I know I'm caught  
I'll never leave Vietnam

War isn't over when it ends  
Some pictures never leave you mind  
They are the faces of the children  
The ones we left behind

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These kids hit walls on every side  
They don't belong in any place  
Their secret they can't hide  
It's printed on their face

I never thought I'd plead  
For half-breeds from a land that's torn  
But then I saw a camp for children

Whose crime was being born

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Concieved in hell  
And born in strife  
We owe them fathers, and a family -  
And loving home they never knew  
Because we know  
Deep in our hearts  
That they are all  
Our children too

These are souls in need  
They need us to give  
Someone has to pay  
For their chance to life  
Help me try

[JOHN] and [CHORUS]  
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That's why we know  
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[CHRIS]  
John, you were great. Can I see you alone  
I gotta know what you meant on the phone  
What is this news you recieved  
You could only tell me

[JOHN]  
A lot of groups use my Bangkok staff  
To process problems on their behalf  
We got this in from the embassy  
It's not easy to tell you; It's best that  
You see

[CHRIS]  
KIM! It's about Kim isn't it?  
Only you know how hard I tried to  
Get word  
Tell me first, nothing els, tell me: Did  
She survive?

[JOHN]

You must read the report, Chris  
But yes, she's alive

[CHRIS]

You don't know, John, these nightmares  
The things that I've seen  
I have seen her face burned  
See her shot with my gun  
I have chased her through streets  
And heard nothing but screams  
What's wrong? Come on.  
There's something more

[JOHN]

She has a child  
You have a son

[CHRIS]

You won't believe me but I dreamed this  
John  
It's in the nightmare when I see Saigon  
Jesus, John, I am married  
Is this story for real?

[JOHN]

I'm only telling you what I received  
But our reports can usually be believed  
Kim's a bar-girl in Bangkok  
Pal, I know how you feel

[CHRIS]

It's too late! I have a whole new life  
I was in love with Kim, but now I have a  
Wife

[JOHN]

Listen, Chris, I know the shock you've  
Had  
There are solutions here, it isn't always  
Bad

[CHRIS]

Oh John, I never told her  
My wife - how can I tell her?  
A child - What do I do?  
I shattered Kim - Now Ellen too

[CHRIS]

I have to tell her

[JOHN]  
I have learned the best thing  
For a couple to do

[CHRIS]  
I have to tell her

[JOHN]  
You should both come to Bangkok  
I mean Ellen too

[CHRIS]  
Us both?

[JOHN]  
You BOTH should go

[ELLEN]  
Hey guys, come on

[CHRIS]  
But first...  
First Ellen has to know

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