

## **Kevin Devine**

# **"Another Bag Of Bones"**

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It's a brushfire spreading, feeding as it moves  
It's a disappeared glacier; it's the airborne flu  
It's your disbelieving eyes logging concrete miles  
It's your yawning conscience and your lawyer's smile  
It's an occupied country foaming at the mouth  
No smoking gun, no mushroom cloud  
It's a military mother with a boy in hell  
And it's a flag-draped casket down an oil well  
It's an Argentine school-girl gagged and bound  
It's a torture camp; it's a long way down  
It's the constant bracing shock of now  
And it's the whole damn world turned inside out, alright

It's a march to extinction with your god in step  
It's his name in your mouth; it's his cross on your neck  
It's a farm boy sprinting over desert dirt  
And he's panting the 'Our Father' in staccato spurts  
Now that's his automatic rifle and it tells no lies  
It's his truth in your stomach, it's no alibi  
But the trouble lies on the other side  
With an equal truth prepping for his holy night  
He sees the crescent and the star blink in the virgin sky  
And hears the call of milk and honey from the afterlife  
And as he eases to the checkpoint, he is calm and sure  
It's collateral damage; it's the cost of war  
It's another bag of bones for the Gods to sort  
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Well it's a species disappearing, all the birds fly south  
In a January heatwave, in a pulsing crowd  
It's an African Militia, kids with sub-machines  
It's a conflict diamond on your bride-to-be  
It's the dispossessed lining up at every gate  
It's the facts worth facing, faced way too late  
It's the mission of modernity, go get what's yours  
Til there's nothing leftover to go get no more  
And it's not what we're owed, but it's what we've  
earned  
And it's closer than we realise, and it's time now to  
burn  
And oh it's time now to burn  
And oh it's time now to burn

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