

World Burns To Death "Apparatus"

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Saigon, Vietnam 1963

Elderly Buddhist monk sets himself ablaze

Suicide as protest to the Diem regime

Complicit in U.S./French hegemony

D.C., Pentagon 1965

32 year old pacifist, father of three

Douses himself with gallons of kerosene

Under the window of McNamara

Detroit, Michigan 1965

82 year old woman burns herself to death

Despondent with the horrors of the war in Indochina

Charred bones thrown into the cogs of Apparatus

With great guns and reater hate

This beast thought itself equal to the force of life

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One swallows dry and takes a chance

Defeat of the global American Empire

By a revolution of peasants abroad

And astonishing protest at home

'War is the health of the state'

And this Apparatus hungers for flesh

Those who threw themselves into that machine

Slippery with foam and blood

Choking the hangman with noose drawn taut

Made the gallows as holy as the cross

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