

## **Nanci Griffith**

# **"Heart Of Indochine"**

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I am on a Riverboat on the Saigon River  
Where the music's too loud  
While I try to have my dinner  
Stories I've been told of 1954

When the bodies washed ashore from that distant war  
My friend Michael came in '68  
The bodies still floating with the dinner boats sailing  
Beside all those souls of the American war

Oh, deliver me to the river of souls  
In the heart of Indochina  
Deliver me to a River at Peace  
In this twenty-first century

All those souls that floated free  
In these dark war's waters  
All the souls now swim together  
The French the Viet Minn

Those American boys  
The souls of the Saigon River  
At peace in Indochina

I am in a cafe in Ho Chi Minn City  
My friend Bobby Muller is sitting with me  
This traffic is maddening  
In his wheelchair he's napping

I wonder at times, does he walk in his dreams?  
Later I walked all the way from Tu Do Street  
To the banks of the river with the dinner boats sailing  
Beside all of the souls, of a River in Peace

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Deliver me to a River at Peace  
In this twenty-first century

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Hoa binh, hoa binh  
(Peace in Vietnamese)  
Peace in the heart of Indochina

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