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It's been a long dry season in tinderbox town And the ghetto cars go cruising up and down and round and round With tinted windows and the screech of tires Poverty likes to ride in the best disguise The boys get bored, set fire to the sheds at the end of my street The thick black smoke rises up into the dusk Sirens scream out across the hills Turn into the close as the boys all swagger. I've got no quarrel with you brother But the war is getting closer Down at the Union there we stood And embraced like brothers should The fire catches when your back is turned And now we watch as the city burns And now we watch as the city burns

We used to joke about the colour of our skins We used to joke about the names of God But now the racist cops come round Put your cousin up against the wall A little crowd gathers round and takes up sides The white trash come out of their doorways and mutter There's a macho stand off with sullen faces all around And all the middle ground is washing away And no one really wants it there anyway It's a time of pack dogs brother And the war's getting closer Down at the Union there we stood And embraced like brothers should The fire catches when your back is turned And now we watch as the city burns And now we watch as the city burns

And I, I accuse you, you want so much But you give nothing of yourself And I, I believe you, you want so much But you keep nothing of yourself

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