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"Point Me In The Right Direction"

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"What do I know about war?" said the young man to his father
The day before he went off to fight
"How can you be so sure?" said the young man to his lover
As he held her close that night

He said "While I'm gone will you be waiting?
No one knows the state I'm in.
Point me in the right direction."

"I shot a man today," wrote the soldier in his letter
"And I held his hand as he died.
I shouldn't feel ashamed, but he deserved much better.
They say it gets easier with time."

He said "I'll be back before the winter
Battlefields are not my fate
Point me in the right direction

It's not too late, for me
Too late, for me
To wonder,
"Why is this happening
Lives are shattering,
And I am to blame."

"I can't believe I'm home," said the soldier to his mother
But she could not hear him through the tears
She said "What happened to the little boy who left us last September?
This face looks aged beyond its years"

He said "enemies are not the answer,
No one knows the state I'm in
Point me in the right direction."

"What did I learn about war?" said the soldier to a mirror

As he watched his innocence fade
He said "The fighting has not ended, bombs are still
dropping
And I can't see the difference that they've made"

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