

One Night Stand In North Dakota

"A Story In Three Acts"

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Nine teenagers will lose their lives today
to traffic related incidents (or so I'm told)
And I assure you that I'm not trying to scare you with
these words
nor am I trying to alter any opinion you may hold
The real tragedy is that I can't find more comfort in the
fact
that I'm still breathing, blood's still flowing through my
veins
But the only thing that I can think about is the price of
petrol
(it's a world of pain)

If 'development' means what I think
I think I'll look around and try to find a better way,
If this is modern living
I wish I'd walked and kept my conscience clean today

The news reporters show us all the violence alongside
images of Islam
because 'terrorism's rife' (or so I'm told)
And they assure me, that they're not trying to scare me
with their words
nor are they trying to alter any opinions I may hold
The real tragedies are skimmed over
or ignored in favour of feel-good ending
celebrity weddings or seasonal cheer
And the only thing that anyone can think about is the
price of petrol
(we live in fear)

I'm feeling stifled by a media which colours fact with
fiction
I'm trying desperately to swim against the stream
Realize that the truth has always been someone's
opinion
and this fight between 'good' and 'evil' is not as simple
as it seems

