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Threshold "Intervention"

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I was driving through the fens in a peaceful English scene

Paid for by my grandfather the original gunners dream I was taking life for granted though I was born to die It's been a long time since a bomb dropped from the expansive Norfolk sky

I was listening to the radio and the talk was all of war Freed themselves from Tito settling old scores

I was far from Sarejevo it seemed irrelevant to me If it was U.N. troops or diplomats that had to intervene We are impotent in our power do we dare to fight again Must we always kill for freedom what will intervention gain?

It's a symptom of repression and a people held at bay No freedom of expression waiting for this day If we impose our standards on a people newly freed We will be the opressors and the curse of war will breed on Don't let it breed on Don't let it breed on

But her cries went right through me Gripped my heart till I thought that I would die That little child on the operating table I had to stop to wipe the tears from my eyes

They had no drugs to comfort her to dull away the pain As they removed the bloody legacy a cruel shrapnel rain

That had destroyed the lives of the ones she loved That would shake your faith in the Lord above

And the eyes of the world they are turning away She had no natural resources to protect her in her play And the backstreets of her home town they are burning down in flames She is part of a new crystal nacht an ethnic cleansing day

We are ignorant we are partisan We are ignorant we are partisan

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