

When A Drum Beats

Big Country

Is this civilization
Is this all we're gonna be
A helpless United Nations
A censored BBC

War in the African nations
Hate in the Middle East
Just a mess of frustration
Waiting for release

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I saw an F-111
Beside a Kremlin guard
And the Magnificent Seven
In the printed word

Is this a public service
Or a civil war
While I sit here nervous
Waiting for a call

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Let cities crumble, empires waste
And generals find a resting place
For leaders too will be replaced
If fear and fate come face to face

Leave a red sky for night time
Know a mother's love
Here now for all time
Lose the tyrant's glove

Give the whole of the life lime
On the reaching palm
Leave us out of the dead line
For tomorrow's man

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