She runs through the streets so desperately young Her eyes aflame and her mind undone She aches for the songs that will never be sung And the heroes so quickly forgotten

She sees a friend in the church yard light Laughin' and jokin' and talkin' to the sky Shots ring out and he hits the ground He never opens his eyes and she cries

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The ghosts in her head have faces and names
They're soldiers and children, all one in the same
In the streets and the alleys, hear the battle cries sound
And the angels run for cover as the world comes tumbling down

All through the night the battle is fought They can never win back the lives they've lost Down on her knees, in the tear stained dawn She just closes her eyes, whispers goodbye

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Another day in the neighborhood Better dry your eyes and be off to school She packs her lunch and her daddy's gun Seems much too old to be so young

The battle begins the day that you're born Into this world, so heartsick and war torn Somebody better come and carry her away Maybe this angel will live to fly again someday

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