

Overriding volunteer

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While bodies burn, the children learn
How the money's earned, with growing concern
In the gallery, three distinguished strangers
Who had found there way home
Ricochet and muzzle flash
Superfluous, luxurious,
Commodities, communities
Democracies, security

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Lindesfarne and Banochburn
Inadequacy, inaccuracies
Heritage, more discoveries
While the fishermen sail the seas
Chemicals, minerals, culture and war,
Is that all this place is good for
Hundreds of years, unsettled scores
Rivalry and bribery

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Initiative on the killing floor
Each man is there for the next man
That's the horror and the terror of war
And your overriding volunteer
Inter-unit strife, think about your wife
Another mission rehearsal, so you know the procedure.
The rotor wash, N.C.O., incursion and extraction.
Numbing the population, evacuees, contingency..

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Movie reels on a photo slide
In a mountainside where the warlords hide
Send them to the sky
Send them to the sea
Spread them all over the land
The slaves and the gold and the ivory
The artist cry, as the good ones die
Charities and the refugees
The monetary man with a momentary plan

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