Today, as you listen to this song

Another 394,000 children were born into this world

They break like waves of hunger and desire upon these eroded sh ores

Carrying the curses of history and a history yet unwritten
The oil burns in thick black columns, the buzz saws echo throug
h the forest floor

They shout give us our fair share, give us justice Here comes the war

On a grey morning to the south of here

Two young men in makeshift uniforms peer into the misty light And figures dart behind the trees

As a snap of rifle rounds echoes out across the fields

They hardly know their sacred mother tongue but they know their duty

To defend the flag hanging limp and bloody above the village ch urch

While a thousand miles away, in a warehouse complex down by the river,

Young money men play paintball games

Here comes the war - put out the lights on the Age of Reason

So blow out the candle and tell us another of those great stori es.

the ones about serial killers. Let dreams flow into savage time s.

Do you hear the sirens scream across the city?

We've had three hot nights in succession - the riot season is h ere again

Dear Lord, lead us back into the Valley of the Shadow of Death,

Here comes the war. Did you think we were born in peaceful time s?

Faster, faster, like a whirling dervish spinning round Faster, faster, until the Centre cannot Hold You screamed give us Liberty or give us Death Now you've got both, what do you want next? Here comes the war - put out the lights on the Age of Reason.