

Indoctrinated Idealism
Disillusionment
Craving

" O beautiful for spacious skies"
" Of the people, by the people"
" Give me your tired, your poor...
yearning to breathe free"
" We will fight for right and freedom..."
" In order to form a more perfect union..."

POEM

The 10 year old knows about redcoats and commies.
He would gladly ~~pay~~ ^{die} the ultimate price
In defense of this ~~idyllic~~ eden
of freedom and equality

Vietnam
Disillusion
poem
5/23

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Until you gain some years,

Until you ~~learn~~ ^{discover}

Until the ~~gleaming~~ ^{threads of the cocoon} wall around you cracks
in which you are secure
begin to unravel

Then crumbles.

Truth ~~seeps~~ ^{seeps} through the gaps.

It surrounds ~~and chokes~~ ^{you} you.

^{until} you cannot escape.

Not honestly anyway.

The poor have always known.

Those unequal from birth know too

~~They know too~~

Only now.

With our new kind of war

With our new kind of "patriotism"

Is the satisfied WASP forced to learn

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awakened to
now we support
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"protect home and family"
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Commies Pinkos Subversives

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Save Vietnam

> From Vietnamese our Helmut Protector

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~~Innocent~~

Never before taught to hate

He Now sinks in the slime of an asian swamp

Dying

Wondering Why

~~Wondering Why~~

Plane makers, gun makers
Food and medicine makers
~~Mouths~~ like puppets Parroting
The propaganda they love
"Preserve Independence"
"Evil Communists"
"Aggressors will pay"
"Fall like dominoes"

Knowing god is with them
They sip cocktails in the club
Caress the ~~fresh~~ crisp fragrant paper in their pockets
Sympathize with newly ~~sonless~~ parents
and husbandless wives
and fatherless children.

GOOD

Could we change our course
Must we be a monster
With heart of chrome
And blood of neon.
~~AMERICA~~
I beg for ~~an america~~
To which I can pledge allegiance.

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