

LA COLOMBE

Em9 **Em9** **Em9**
WHY ALL THESE BUGLES CRYING FOR SQUADS OF YOUNG MEN DRILLED
Am6 **Am6** **Am6** **Am6** **Em9**
TO KILL AND TO BE KILLED AND WAITING BY THIS TRAIN
Em9 **Em9** **Em9**

Am6
WHY THE ORDERS LOUD AND HOARSE, WHY THE ENGINE'S GROANING
COUGH

Am6 **Am6** **F7#8** **F7#8**
AS IT STRAINS TO DRAG US OFF INTO THE HOLOCAUST
F7#8 **Bo** **Bo** **C#o**
WHY CROWDS WHO SING AND CRY AND SHOUT AND FLING US FLOWERS
C#o **F#7** **B7**
AND TRADE THEIR RIGHT FOR OURS TO MURDER AND TO DIE
A **A** **DM7** **D6**
THE DOVE HAS TORN HER WINGS SO NO MORE SONGS OF LOVE
A **A** **Em9**

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WE ARE NOT HERE TO SING, WE'RE HERE TO KILL THE DOVE

WHY HAS THIS MOMENT COME WHEN CHILDHOOD HAS TO DIE
WHEN HOPE SHRINKS TO A SIGH AND SPEECH INTO A DRUM
WHY ARE THEY PALE AND STILL, YOUNG BOYS TRAINED OVERNIGHT
CONSCRIPTS FORCED TO FIGHT AND DRESSED IN GREY TO KILL
THESE RAIN CLOUDS MASSING TIGHT, THIS TRAINLOAD BATTLE
BOUND
THIS MOVING BURIAL GROUND SENT THUNDERING TOWARD THE NIGHT

WHY STATUES TOWERING BRAVE ABOVE THE LAST DEFEAT
OLD WORD AND LIES REPEAT ACROSS THE NEW MADE GRAVE
WHY THE SAME STILL BIRTH THAT VICTORY ALWAYS BROUGHT
THESE HOARDS OF GLORY BOUGHT BY MEN WITH MOUTHS OF EARTH
DEAD ASH WITHOUT A SPARK WHERE CITIES GLITTERED BRIGHT
FOR GUNS PROBE EVERY LIGHT AND CRUSH IT IN THE DARK

AND WHY YOUR FACE UNDONE WITH JAGGED LINES OF TEARS
THAT GAVE IN THOSE FIRST YEARS ALL PEACE I EVER WON
YOUR BODY IN THE GLOOM, THE PLATFORM FADING BACK
YOUR SHADOW ON THE TRACK, A FLOWER ON A TOMB
AND WHY THESE DAYS AHEAD WHEN I MUST LET YOU CRY
AND LIVE PREPARED TO DIE AS IF OUR LOVE WERE DEAD
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