

## 'All too beautiful'

by sarge *Saturday, Jun 1 2013, 1:17pm*

international / poetry / post

from generations past  
and somewhat naive,  
beauty is relative, a learned  
aesthetic -- a cultural product

but what carries the message  
and meaning?  
certainly not quaint outdated phrases,  
'it's all too beautiful'

what is so beautiful anyway?  
a crack in the floor, perhaps  
tripping on a favourite  
psychedelic

'it' has never resided in the literal,  
the spirit carries both the  
message and the meaning

(context)

napalm and helpless,  
burning villagers  
in Indo-China,  
or carpet-bombing Laos  
and Cambodia --  
a prayer before bomber crews  
take to the air to do God's work  
-- and today they criticise Muslim  
fundamentalists as fanatics

the US leads the world  
in senseless killing, infanticide;

give war a chance in Gaza  
chanted Bolton, Rice and Zion,  
the result  
more maimed beautiful,  
all too beautiful,  
innocent children

what is the popular slogan

today, "worth it," perhaps  
worth what?  
a barrel of oil for the lives  
of half a million Iraqi children

not cool

do not forget  
an entire generation  
rising up and confronting  
the murderers head on  
in street battles, on campuses  
until VICTORY was achieved --  
the war was stopped  
Asian villagers once again  
could tend their rice fields  
and our abused boys could return home  
and attempt to piece their lives  
together, which they left  
shattered in countless pieces  
all over Asia

no-one lived in hope  
they engaged reality  
directly  
and prevailed

fuck you and hope, Obama  
your face insults  
everything moral  
and the needless deaths  
of my comrades,  
what errand will u run  
for ur masters today,  
Baa'rack

does a slogan  
or any popular phrase  
today  
reveal the character of  
this generation?

Yes,  
"you're either with us  
or you're with the terrorists"

"you won't see it coming,"

"we came, we saw, he died"

but something is wrong,

all these slogans  
belong to the man

where are the people?

---

Jungle Drum Prose/Poetry. <http://jungledrum.lingama.net/news/story-595.html>