

## BLAIR'S PLACE IN HISTORY

Oh, yes,  
Blair will have his place in history  
as the Labour PM  
who lied  
to the most important institution of this country  
the Parliament.  
He presented our  
elected  
women and men with  
a fake dossier.  
A lie.

And said that Iraq's weapons of mass destruction  
are ready to be launched within  
forty-five minutes.

A lie.

And because of his lies  
the British Army has  
OUR BOYS HAVE  
used cluster bombs in built up areas  
and kids are being torn apart by our weapons, right now.  
The Iraqi oil pipelines were repaired within days  
but water pipes were not.  
Neither was electricity.  
There are not even the basics in Iraqi hospitals for children  
burnt, or people hurt.  
No painkillers, no nothing.  
I heard them screaming  
with pain, and crying,  
on our news reports.  
and I was crying too.

So what happens to the Iraqi people Blair  
allegedly  
wanted to liberate?  
Will they be allowed to govern themselves?  
Will they breathe the sweet air of freedom?  
Do they have clean water

and can they switch on the light in the evenings?  
Does the little girl get the medicine she needs?  
Blair started a war  
based on lies.  
He attacked a country  
based on lies.  
Look: he nearly started a third world war  
with his sickening religious fervour.  
Look: obsessed, full of himself, and he doesn't even know  
his ten commandments.

And now - how does this country - Britain - feel  
coming out of the rage of war?  
The breath of the bulldog is slowing and still heavy  
with blood of children:  
I remember a girl, sweet and earnest princess,  
rescued out of the rubble  
her foot is missing  
and her dark eyes are huge  
and I weep  
And the loyal bulldog of Britain  
is slowly shaking its head  
and wakens to reason and humanity  
shocked about the devastation  
done  
savaging  
when it obeyed  
a trusted master's voice  
and now the bulldog looks at the master  
who forced it to kill.

What about responsibility?  
Who is responsible for what has been done?  
The millions of Britons  
we, who marched for peace,  
and gave up our Saturdays  
didn't meet friends, didn't clean the house,  
didn't sleep in after a hard week's work,

and didn't have time to play with the kids  
but we walked in the cold  
waving self-made placards  
and shouted on top of our voices  
NOT IN MY NAME  
(and then Blair dared to say that we had blood on our hands).

Who is responsible now?  
The liar or the people lied to?  
The Members of our Parliament  
or the Prime Minister  
too many good patriotic people trusted?  
Blair betrayed  
democracy.  
He abused  
his position of  
trust  
to  
lie.  
This will be his place in history.

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