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## Ten years ago today

*My brother Tommy  
Carried me on his soulders  
And kissed my skinned knees  
I still have childhood scars  
But Tommy is buried in the dust.*

*We had to fight, he told me,  
As we dried each other's tears.  
He had to march with a gun.  
He hugged me as he promised  
He'd be home for my birthday.*

*Tommy missed my birthday by a month.  
I cried for the last time  
The day we buried his broken body.*

*Now they're telling me to sign my name —  
They say there'll be no war;  
But they want my name on their list  
Just in case.*

*Tommy, you thought you were right.  
You believed war was just  
But Tommy  
I cannot kill somebody's brother.*

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