CHILD FROM THE RIVER

Child from the river

The water has rocked you

The reeds kept the wind from your head

The wind has sung to you .

Child you have slept so still by the river

The earth was a pillow under your head

The reeds have kept the cold wind from you

And men stood watch over your bed.

Child do not whimper in your sleep

The dark ice melts in the sun

The rain runs into the river

Spring has begun

A white horse is nibbling the wet grass ,

See the silk cradle on its back .

It waits on the path !

The soldiers marched by in the night

Pink flesh in the steel shell

They are lying on the shore

The last order faded away far out to sea

Only birds flying to land heard it .

The echo of guns dies on the hills

Tatters of uniform tumble away in the wind

The chains of prisoners are

Turned

Into

Chains for anchors

Clowns dance where men stood like sticks

Where the earth

Was trod

To dry circles

They heap

Flowers.

We stand at the river

If there is a bridge we will walk

If there is no bridge we will wade

If the water is deep we will swim

If it is too fast we will build boats

We will stand on the other side

We have learned to march so well

That

We

Cannot

Drown !

KUWAIT

I have become

The earth i fought for

Who will walk over it

Or own the fruit

That grows here ?

THE WALLS OF PARADISE

As too many are born for

The keeper of paradise

To know their

Faces

He

Has

A list of names

And

Records of lives .

The devil gave the keeper the name

Of a good man

The keeper looked up the name in the list

And

Opened

The gates to the devil .

This led to ten thousand years

Of

War .

In the end they managed to bind

The devil

And throw

Him out .

The keeper adopted a

New procedure

Anyone who wants to get into paradise

Stands at the wall

The keeper shouts : ‘’ name ? ‘’

When the honest man

Answers

The keeper opens the gate

The liar is found out ,

Lies have no echo

Only truth

Echoes

On the walls of

Paradise

Or anywhere else .