

Ode To A Wartorn Land

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In Palestine early feet were Canaanites
Archaeologists study ancient Ugarit rights
As Cananaum, scholars recall that land
Of cana'ani, their word for a merchant

Jericho City where civilisation started
Mankind's famed fountain for selling salt
Bronze-Age Jericho's walls reached heaven
So massive that no man ever scaled them

Across River Jordan hungry people hunting
Under Joshua's flapping standard, besieging
Soldiers man the city walls, arrows flying!
Smoke and screaming everywhere, hear dying

Finally, a breach is made! Jericho undone!
Ancient texts speak of battles Joshua won
On Vespasian and Titus no lessons were lost
Rome destroyed Jerusalem, who knows the cost?

British UN mandate plagued by fierce Irgun
From King David Hotel many floors were blown!
David Ben Gurion declares Israel's existence
Arab states contest with military insistence!

Israeli military heroes, legend. A state born
Arab countries thrice defeated, a truce worn
Peace of Olmert and Hamas shelled on Gaza beach
Beit Lahia's massacre put accord beyond reach

Hezbollah capture soldiers, Israel distraught!
Over history's myriad issues battles are fought
The tribes of Israel and Palestine are many
You imagine peace! Personally, I don't see any!

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Mutilation Murders

The torso of a black child has been discovered in London's Kensington Gardens. Detective Chief Inspector Hawthorne and his men quickly discover that the boy was a victim of a ritualistic killing. At Heathrow airport a second child, Jubulani, and his mother disembark from their plane. On his arrival in London Jubulani is kidnapped. A Ju Ju witchdoctor in South London is preparing the new child, Jubulani, to be sacrificed. Hawthorne is racing against time to save the boy.

Midwinter's Children

Georg, a nine-year-old street child, has been captured by human traffickers from Moscow and is about to be sold to a child pornography ring in Amsterdam. Detective Chief Inspector Hawthorne, from Suffolk CID, is on the case...

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