

Trade Winds

Centuries of sailors knowing
Setting sail and cutting ties
Bravely waving tears unflowing
Beyond an age of longing lies

Parted by oceans man and mother
He floating in Poseidon's care
Only loss brings them together
When at night he's never there

At Thirty Degrees North she sits
Becalmed, bereft, bereaved
She never stirs, moving aches
No message yet received

So far from home, steady boys
In league with Neptune's trust
In family worlds of newborn joys
New life continues as it must

From photographs memories made
Fragmented moments, fading
Shining boots, brave salutes
Splendid uniforms parading

Return you men, many lives
bound within that imperative
For endless dread are wives
At homecoming alone can live

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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...

The Black Daimler

Nexus, a London-based Chinese dissident, learns that his friend was found with an axe embedded in his head. As more of his politically active associates die, he becomes involved in a frantic struggle to understand and defeat the threat to himself and his organisation.

The Expendability Doctrine

Oil tycoon Keith Connors is found dead in the garden of his villa; undoubtedly the work of a pro. His ex-wife flees to Libya, where she is linked to the brutal murder of the White House Trade Representative. In his investigations, Inspector Hawthorne discovers a sinister web of treachery and greed in the international oil business.

The Devil's Brothers

Catherine Bronston, a fifteen-year-old girl, is snatched outside her local swimming pool. The kidnappers, ruthless Albanian mafiosi, issue a ransom demand containing dismembered body parts. Catherine's father fears that the ongoing police investigation could reduce the possibility of her being found alive.

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