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Refugees I

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Cartridge poppy fields drones not bees buzz above Stranger soldiers stand atop of armoured cars Turrets turning pointing spitting Roadside revenge awaits to maim.

Mother father boy girl radar surrounds searching for a future Cloak swaggering corruption advised by straightened ties Escape, escape the pings on the radar speak A boat brings them to backs turned and the hateful frowns of the soldiers' masters.

Cowardice

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Silent, whizzing, spying, killing drone
Bombs dropping shock and awe, death and amputation
Cowards worship mammon, hearts of stone
Humanity defeating them will see them wither, dead, alone