LIVES IN THE BALANCE

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I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR SOMETHING TO HAPPEN

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FOR A WEEK OR A MONTH OR A YEAR

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WITH THE BLOOD IN THE INK OF THE HEADLINES

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AND THE SOUND OF THE CROWD IN MY EAR

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YOU MIGHT ASK WHAT IT TAKES TO REMEMBER

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WHEN YOU KNOW THAT YOU'VE SEEN IT BEFORE

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WHEN A GOVERNMENT LIES TO ITS PEOPLE

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AND A COUNTRY IS DRIFTING TO WAR

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F#m

AND THERE'S A SHADOW ON THE FACES OF THE MEN WHO SEND THE GUNS

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TO THE WARS THAT ARE FOUGHT IN PLACES

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WHERE THEIR BUSINESS INTEREST RUNS

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ON THE RADIO TALK SHOWS AND THE T.V.

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YOU HEAR ONE THING AGAIN AND AGAIN

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HOW THE U.S.A. STANDS FOR FREEDOM

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AND WE COME TO THE AID OF A FRIEND

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BUT WHO ARE THE ONES THAT WE CALL OUR FRIENDS

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THESE GOVERNMENTS KILLING THEIR OWN?

F#m F#m

OR THE PEOPLE WHO FINALLY CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE

D C#

SO THEY PICK UP A GUN OR A BRICK OR A STONE

F#m - E - F#m

AND THERE ARE LIVES IN THE BALANCE

F#m F#m - E - F#m

THERE ARE PEOPLE UNDER FIRE

F#m - E - F#m F#m THERE ARE CHILDREN AT THE CANNONS D C#, C#, D, D, F#m D C#, THERE ARE, AND THERE IS BLOOD ON THE WIRE F#m, F#m, F#m - C#, F#m, F#m, F#m, F#m - C#, F#m F#m D D F#m AND THERE'S A SHADOW ON THE FACES OF THE MEN WHO FAN THE FLAMES OF THE WARS THAT ARE FOUGHT IN PLACES WHERE WE CAN'T EVEN SAY THEIR NAMES F#m THEY SELL US THE PRESIDENT THE SAME WAY THEY SELL US OUR CLOTHES AND OUR CARS F#m F#m THEY SELL US EVERYTHING FROM YOUTH TO RELIGION THE SAME WAY THEY SELL US OUR WARS I WANT TO KNOW WHO EHT MEN IN THE SHADOWS ARE; I WANT TO HEAR SOMEBODY ASKING THEM WHY F#m F#m THEY CAN BE COUNTED ON TO TELL US WHO OUR ENEMIES ARE C# BUT THEY'RE NEVER THE ONES TO FIGHT OR TO DIE F#m - E - F#m AND THERE ARE LIVES IN THE BALANCE F#m - E -F#m F#m

THERE ARE PEOPLE UNDER FIRE

F#m - E - F#m

THERE ARE CHILDREN AT THE CANNONS

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THERE ARE, AND THERE IS BLOOD ON THE WIRE F#m, F#m, F#m - C#, F#m, F#m, F#m, F#m - C#, F#m X 8