

## Short Memories

Graham Parker

They took their kids in their teenage years  
Fitted them out with combat gear,  
Filled their hearts with mortal fear and sent them away  
Some came home their pants in creases  
Some came home in bits and pieces  
The president made a lot of speeches and went fishing for the day

'Cause they have short memories, they forget it all so quickly  
They have short memories, now it's gone  
They have short memories, it disappears just like quicksilver  
They have short memories, now it's gone

My Daddy was in Nicosea, Egypt and North Korea  
He came back to a good career, shovelling coal  
I was just the village lout I never got my finger out  
I never wanted for anything still I broke and entered and stole

You can't stop a train or catch the rain drops  
As they come falling  
Sure there'll be another war  
Sure as sure the call-up will come calling

They took their kids in their teenage years  
Gave them a God that they could fear  
Said they could kill but not drink beer  
And sent them away  
Some came home in a body bag  
Some came home wrapped in a flag  
And on each toe there hung a tag saying there'll be more someday  
.now it's gone, now it's gone, now it's gone