

## Desperation, Part IV

## Redemption

Johnny knows why he was spared in Vietnam  
God has a reason for his sacrifice  
Johnny knows David thinks it all will fall on him  
But the message is clear and he knows he has a purpose

The writer descends into the heart of the mine  
Down to the bottom of the well of souls  
Falling through darkness, bloodied and broken  
He spreads the explosives as death takes hold

Johnny stands a final time as his life slips away  
Tak screams in anger and commands that he stop  
But the heart of the unformed can no longer sway him  
And he finishes his life's last task

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Sometimes He makes us live  
Carrying a burden for thirty three years  
They are no longer his sins to forgive

With the smoke of the ini rising up in the sky  
Destroyed by the power of daylight  
The four survivors leave the nightmare behind them  
And head toward the open highway  
In the back of the car sits a folder of photos  
Materializ4ed out of nowhere

The handwritten label says they're from David's school  
But the writing is in Johnny's hand

Two different lives. somehow intertwined  
Two vantage points of a parallax view  
Heaven and Earth, somehow connected  
Giving a glimpse of the eternal truth

As he opened the folder, and pulls out the picture  
Young David Carver's astonished  
The picture's of Johnny and David's dead sister  
Although they have never met

In the picture they're standing on the very street  
Where David's friend Brian lay dying in his arms  
Written at their feet, are the words First John 4/8  
And Mary asks David what it means.

God is Love

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