

Culture As Given

Smoke or Fire

If you could see the women and children,
the people we've all laid to rest.
If you could bomb a city the size of Chicago here,
tell me where is your conscience now?

Destroy and rebuild; a campaign of contracts,
the shifting of power, deceit and lies.
You call it the idea of promoting democracy.
I call it a franchise.

Are you the person they sent to save me?
Cause I don't want to be saved.
Killing is easy when you don't see faces,
and you don't have to dig graves.

Culture as given, the American ideal
that there's only one way to live your lives.
There's no one there to help you when they start the bidding.
You're packaged and sold to the allies.

You broke down when you believed a single word
that self-motivated politician said.
You broke down, and when it's all over
we're left with the mess.

Are you the person they sent to save me?
Cause I don't want to be saved.
Killing is easy when you don't see faces,
and you don't have to dig graves.

You broke down and believed in this war.