

# Behold A Pale Rider

The Levellers

Bombs go off in London,  
Stirring panics rhythmic creep.  
The city turns it's shoulders,  
Smooths the cracks and tries to sleep.

Split the Gulf sky red  
As the oil fields start to blow  
And weep a heavy storm of, black black rain  
Onto the earth below.

And the millions cried, "Sweet Mary!"  
A million more cried tears of shame  
When they saw what they had done in the name of all of their hopes and fears,  
When they realised what they became.

In hidden Eastern passes,  
That defenders will not yield.  
To a soldier from the Edgeware Road,  
Come to burn the poppy-fields.

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And from the water margins,  
To Death Row Guantanamo,  
You can hear that King's Cross countdown  
As the detonators blow.

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