

Fortunes Of War

A D E A D E

A

Rosebuds scattered across the lawn like the squares at Waterloo

D

With bayonets of thorns repelling small children in search of lost tennis balls

E

A

Imaginary cannonballs that were fired at the legs of galloping cavalry

Resting their dreams in the shade of the apple trees

D

E

Toy soldiers drunk on warm lemonade

Asus4 A Gsus4 G D

And the children dream of glory and fortunes of war

Asus4 A Gsus4 G D

A

They're safe in bed with stories of fortunes of war, fortunes of war

As the sun sets low on these playing fields, an army returns bearing swords and shields

D

Dustbin lids and raspberry canes

E

They'll live to fight another day

A

Warrior's medals - milk bottle tops

Battle flags fashioned from mother's old table cloths

D

E

Bright colours they'll run in the summer rain

D

A

'Cause sometimes when they fall they will pretend

E

D

That their hankie is a bandage to stop the bleeding

Bm

D

They'll imagine city streets and desert storms and foreign fields

Asus4 A Gsus4 G

And bullets flying

D

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These are the fortunes of war

A D E A D E Asus4 A Gsus4 G D A

I heard a wheelchair whisper across a stale, stagnant gymnasium

D

Trailing an ivy league jacket like a matador

E

Through the jitterbug steps of the night before

A

I followed him down to the church parade where he makes his peace every Armistice Day

D

E

I watched him fade away and melt in the autumn rain

D A
'Cause sometimes when they fall they can't pretend
E D
That the hankie is a bandage; they can't stop the bleeding
Bm D
They're out in city streets and desert storms and foreign fields
Asus4 A Gsus4 G
Oh, there's bullets flying
D
These are the fortunes of war
Asus4 A Gsus4 G D
While their children dream of glory and fortunes of war
Asus4 A Gsus4 G D
They're safe in bed with stories and fortunes of war
Asus4 A Gsus4 G D A
The uniforms and glory, the fortunes of war, fortunes of war, fortunes of
war, fortunes of war

Fortunes of war, these are the fortunes of war, of war, of war, of war, of
war, of war

These are the fortunes, these are the fortunes, fortunes of war

These are the fortunes, fortunes of war, war

These are the fortunes, fortunes of war