News

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It comes

In a flash

Warning

The bullets are tearing through

The houses and cars on the road, the river of blood extending

Like a snake down the road

Now branching

An explosion raises dust in the town -- a hellish twilight

While a lover loses his singular almighty golden rose

The petals decay and wilt

Because through the radio

He hears his people's final wails of agony

And he takes a hot bath

And drops two medium sized cyanide tablets into the water

And hangs himself with the curtain

And impales himself with the rod

As the water washes over him

And he breathes his final joyful breath

And simultaneously the satellites come a'crashing down to earth

And the echoes of echoes are all that can be heard

And the promises of promises

And the love of love

And the hate of hate

Become distilled

And decoded as the wild bastard emerges from the earth

And he flips the switch

That makes time start all over again