

## DELIVERANCE

We crossed their borders as liberators  
to safeguard Democracy  
with our high tech weaponry  
a nuclear capability  
and a blank cheque in the kitty.

We crossed their borders during night raids  
to flush out an insurgency  
in jump-jets and B52s  
that Flattened a country  
and re-branded War  
as 'Shock and Awe'.

We crossed their borders to neutralise  
the threat of enemy radar  
in the war against terror  
to disable the infrastructure  
and cripple the communications network  
with laser guided drones  
to immobilise transport systems  
Set monitors in place  
and enforce exclusion zones.

As the world discussed sanctions  
we crossed their borders  
to bring stability to the region  
and bring to its knees  
The brutal regimes of tyrants  
mad dogs and despots  
so that the oppressed might be freed  
and justified all actions  
in the hunt for Bin Laden  
and W.M.D

We crossed their borders  
suffering only a dozen losses  
mostly through friendly fire  
and one crashed plane  
while news of mounting civilian casualties,  
a regrettable but unavoidable aspect of war,  
and other censored reports filtered in  
during the highlights and day's results  
where the battle for viewing figures raged  
between BBC and CNN.

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They crossed our borders as undesirables,  
radicals, rapists and thieves,  
aghast we watch the flood  
of scammers and benefit cheats  
stealing the jobs and the homes

of the homeless on our city streets

They crossed our borders from our ports  
suffocating in containers  
and clinging to trucks.  
A desperate human freight  
with nowhere to turn  
from the jungle camps  
we bulldozed and burned.

A traffic crossed our borders  
in the smuggler's hands  
swallowed by the sea in crowded boats  
that made the headlines if not the promised land.

They crossed our borders in vain  
To be arrested on arrival and deported,  
Or at best, interrogated and detained  
Until we could figure out how to send them homeward  
To think again.