



Let me never forget this moment

Show me more pictures
Flood me with images of the dead and dying
Immerse me in grief
Walk me through the devastation
Bombard me with dead-eyed faces
Surround me with lost souls
Help me stay in this place I'm in
Where there is no day or night
No tender mercy
No humanity
No love
No god
Only teeming, desperate, unyielding, sorrow
That reaches through the air
And drowns me with helplessness.
Let me never forget this moment.

When I am delayed by lines at the airport
Let me never forget this moment.
When my child puts on the uniform of our country
Let me never forget this moment.
When innocents die so others may live
Let me never forget this moment.
When oil becomes scarce and costly
Let me never forget this moment.
When more of us die in the struggle
Let me never forget this moment.

And after we have looked evil in the face
And stared it down
And put our heel on it
And crushed it into the dirt
Let me remember this very moment
The rivers of blood, and tears, and sweat
And though I know nothing can ever change this moment
Or take us back to the place we were just an instant ago...
So the living and the dying
And the startled souls ripped from their bodies
And I
May feel at least some small shiver of satisfaction
Let me never forget this moment.