

## Afghanistan's Flanders Fields

—Virgil Huston

the great Alexander  
came through  
the Hindu Kush  
before us all  
no match  
to his success  
short lived though it was  
many followed  
none endured  
in modern times  
death  
tens of thousands  
British  
Soviet  
American  
Afghan  
who will be next?  
one who reads no history  
as our pompous politicians  
Iraq comes to mind  
Vietnam  
there will be others  
to attempt this folly  
America can't fight wars  
America won't fight wars  
just send young men to die

for nothing  
what of that ground  
that is forever England?  
I have seen it  
no one cares  
sheep shit on it  
men do not respect  
but touch a Muslim grave  
and US generals grovel  
and prostrate themselves  
while Presidents condemn  
their own soldiers  
for such transgressions  
while we should be  
denouncing those  
who desecrate  
Afghanistan's  
Flanders Fields