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