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Blood in My Eyes

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I've been thinking about the toll that a lifetime of killing must take on the heart of a man.

No-one would ever think that a soldier could come home from battle without scars on his psyche, no matter the scars on his skin. What scars do we bear for the killing we suffer with, from the time that we're born until death? Does it matter at all that the blood is not actually on our hands when the killing is done in our names and for our benefit? Are we any less complicit than the architects of "pre-emptive war" just because we didn't face the battlefield? It is our support of our government which enables them to cause the "collateral damage" in the name of freedom, isn't it? Isn't it our continued support of all of the industries that exploit other animals that enables them to give us "what's for dinner"?

I don't know how we can measure the price we pay for living off the deaths of others, but I know that there must be a price.

We like to think that we are good people, and we are. We are kind to strangers, we love our neighbors, we turn the other cheek. But every day, for the most trivial reasons, killing is done in our name. We've found ways to distance ourselves from the actual carnage, whether with "smart bombs" or "factory farms" but we might as well be doing the killing ourselves – it is only being done for us.

How do we reconcile these things; that we are good people and still we have to kill?

We cannot reconcile these things. So instead, we bury the fact of our killing to somewhere so deep inside that we don't even see it as killing anymore, it's just dinner on the table now, or the Global War on Terror, and the memory of what we've had to do, the horror of what we keep on doing, is pushed so far down that it's gone.

And still we have to kill.

Where do all the blood stains go?

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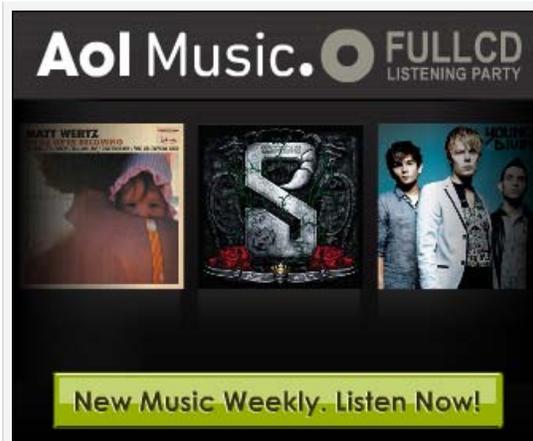
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Who's hands is the blood of countless infants on, when they are aborted in the name of choice? This horror too, is pushed down so far that it's gone...or can be excused with a few words and a knowing smirk. What's the difference between killing an animal (a choice), and killing a fetus (a choice), or killing some guy in a foreign country because his skin is the wrong colour and he saluted the wrong flag? (ultimately, also a choice). Who wouldn't shoot the Sasquatch on sight, or the alien in his UFO, or the fish in the barrel? What right to life does any creature have, like Bambi, Babe, or even Charlotte if we discard our own species with a coat hanger just because of where he or she takes up residence? Or maybe we define life by those who "breath" as opposed to those who are leeches on a host... like they were some nine month virus or cancer that needs to be eliminated. Certainly, the criteria can't be the lifeforms age? Is it the presence of a beating heart, or a thinking mind, or a soul? Is that how we tell if a living thing is worthy of our protection? Who can tell what living creature has a soul or not? If we are to defend life, we must defend all life. Not doing so is a violation of your own creed, your own morality... no matter what smart words you may say in defense of your "choice" and the exclusion of a "right to life" you've confessed to that end.

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