

***The dentist of Jerusalem...***

*...holding shards of steel. His voice  
with wholesome words  
extracting lives. Bullets  
held firm in flesh. Warm once.  
now cold.*

***Vaginas***

*rose red pink. Girls of three  
rosette red  
bullet raped by soldiers  
embossing rainbow wreaths.*

*Blood once red, now darkest black  
drips memories. It will write  
of loss in the gold of autumn,  
of winter eternal.*

*Tired Gods. Why do you  
drown us with tears in the mouth  
of the Gazan Giant.*

*Patrick Craddock*

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