

Two Soldiers and the Woman

(To Jane Fonda)

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First soldier: She is political!
Second Soldier: No she is poetical.
First soldier: You mean lyrical?
Second soldier: Yes, yes I mean it!
First soldier: I can see flame of anger in her eyes,
Second soldier: I can see poem of peace in her eyes.
First soldier: Is she here to blame us!
Second soldier: No, she is here to save us.
First soldier: She is not glorifying our heroic deed!
Second soldier: She wishes to protect us from being hated.
First soldier: She loathes us!
Second soldier: No she soothes us
First soldier: Who is she?
Second soldier: Might be a mother,
The woman: Yes, I give birth to live and to love.
Second soldier: She might be a lover,
The woman: Yes, to snatch you from jaw of death.
First soldier: She might be partner in our war against...
The woman: Yes, in your war to help people to live in peace.

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