

one minute silence



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one minute silence
is that enough for a human life
not even to be born

not more than lighting a cigarette
strike a match
peel an apple

more than enough
to pull the trigger
to detonate a bomb

so from now on keep silent
the clock stands still

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