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## **Iraqi Persons: Children of a Lesser God?**

**by Don Chapman**

The taking of one human life  
We all agree to be high crime  
That usually demands a just punishment  
It is a sin  
That God abhors and will also judge

But several hundred thousand lives  
Of mainly bystanders  
To massive military exercise  
By the world's mightiest armies  
For goals that could never be justified  
Defies the bravest explanation

What judgment of The Almighty  
Should rightly fall upon those people  
Who have winked  
As their machines of death have  
Eliminated these children of the Father?

May God have mercy!

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