

## ARMS TRADER

In the city of Bagdad she was caring for the injured  
She turned toward the child in the hospital bed  
And the features that she saw  
Were the human face of war  
And the duty nurse wondered what the salesman had said...

*It's the smartest bomb we've got  
The computer does the lot  
Look at it my way.  
All previous models superceded  
No special training needed  
It's child's play. Child's play.*

He tended the graves that line the road into the village  
Remembering the fishermen the planes had left for dead  
As they toiled along the shore  
On the coast of East Timor  
And the old man wondered what the salesman had said...

*It's a supersonic jet  
And what you see is what you get  
Look at it my way.  
All previous models superceded  
No special training needed.  
It's child's play. Child's play.*

She watched as the children acted out Angola's trauma  
With their make-believe guns, firing make-believe lead.  
For the wounds left behind  
Are of the body and the mind  
And the young teacher wondered what the salesman had said...

*It's a nifty little rifle  
And it costs the merest trifle  
Look at it my way.  
All previous models superceded  
No special training needed  
It's child's play. Child's play.*

The tank rolled slowly through the garden and the orchard  
And a way of life perished underneath its tread.  
The dust rose high  
Against the Kosovo sky  
And the cameraman wondered what the salesman had said...

*It's a domestic kind of tank  
And it'll hardly break the bank  
Look at it my way.  
All previous models superceded  
No special training needed.  
It's child's play. Child's play.*

They know he represents the best of Industry UK

That his mind's on the commission he can hope to earn today  
And it wouldn't much surprise them if they were to hear him say...

*It's the latest thing in germs  
And we can offer easy terms  
Look at it my way.  
Only a teaspoonful is needed  
And - Hiroshima's exceeded. But  
Don't point it my way.*

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