

## Endless War

Cassandra swore there was no Gulf of Tonkin  
but of course no one believed her.  
She knew the Trojan Horse was loaded with death  
and that there were no WMD's in Iraq

and if Paris, her brother, stole Helen  
Troy would fall  
and all its people be enslaved.  
Then the Pentagon Papers came out.  
*Didn't I . . . ?* said Cassandra when people were shocked.

Now this  
abomination; attack/retaliation;  
genocide, starvation. Disparaged, wild

Cassandra tears her hair.  
Since Balfour's birth she's tried to tell us this  
is what would be  
from the river to the sea.

Notes: In classical texts, Cassandra was admired by the god Apollo, who gave her the gift of prophecy. In a different mood he added the curse that no one would believe her. The Balfour Declaration of 1917 is generally referenced as the moment when Britain decided it would suit its geo-political interests to establish a Jewish Protectorate in the Middle East.