Les Mort Dansant

Magnum

Cannons roared, in the valley they thundered While the guns lit up the night
Then it rained and both sides wondered
Who is wrong and who is right?

On the wire like a ragged old scarecrow Bloody hands and broken back When they fire, see him pirouette solo Jump in time to the rat-a-tat

What a night though it's one of seven What a night for the dancing dead What a night to be called to heaven What a picture to fill your head

By the wall in silhouette standing Through a flash of sudden light Cigarette from his mouth just hanging Paper square to his heart pinned tight

Gather round reluctant marksmen
One of them to take his life
With a smile he gives them pardon
Leaves the dark and takes the light

They dispatch their precious cargo And knock him back right off his feet And they pray may no one follow Better still to face the beast

When the field has become a garden And the wall has stood the test Children play and the dogs run barking Who would think or who would guess?