## Puressence

One morning in Bolivia, the leader of the partisans And two of his companions Were forced to flee the mountains for their live s

Through green and dusty villages they sped along the little roa ds The peasants smiled and shouted as they hurried by Jesus cal led out to every one, "Don't think that we are leaving They onl y tried to frighten us with guns, we shall return"

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The people smiled and shouted And they ran along a little while Then stood and watched Their hands were restless and empty

The body of Jesus was in the jeep That they blew up before it r eached the plane The priest was proud to bless him For what the re was of him remaining in the afternoon

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The smell of oil and incense fill the room in this adobe hut Wh ere on the table lies the body of a man His face is pale and yo ung, his beard is dark and curled Pennies hold his eyelids from the evening light

People from the village those who knew him, those who killed hi m Stand inside the door, their hands are restless and empty The y watch the priest make silent crosses in the air And pray to G od inside their hearts for their own souls

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