

# Tom Waits, Road To Peace

Young Abdel Madi Shabneh  
Was only 18 years old  
The youngest of 9 children  
He'd never spent a nite  
Away from home  
And his mother held his photograph  
up in the NY Times  
You see the killing has intensified  
along the road to peace

A tall, thin boy with a wispy moustache  
Disguised as an Orthodox Jew  
On a crowded bus in Jerusalem  
some had survived World War II  
And the thunderous explosion  
Blew out windows  
200 yards away  
more retribution and 17 dead  
along the road to peace

At King George Avenue and Jaffa Road  
Passengers boarded bus 14A  
In the aisle next to the driver  
Abdel Madi Shabneh  
And the last thing that he said  
On earth was, God is great and God is good  
And he blew them all to kingdom come  
upon the road to peace

In response to this, another kiss  
Of death was visited upon  
Yashir Tehah Israel says is an Hamas  
Senior militant  
And Israel sent 4 choppers in  
Flames engulfed his white opal and  
It killed his wife and his 3-year-old child  
leaving only blackened skeletons

They found a toddler's bottle and a pair  
Of small shoes and waved them in  
Front of the cameras, but Israel  
Said they did not know that  
his wife and child were in the car  
There are roadblocks everywhere  
and only suffering on TV  
Neither side will give up their smallest  
Right along the road to peace

Israel launched its latest campaign  
Against Hamas on Tuesday  
Two days later Hamas shot back  
and killed five Israeli soldiers  
Though thousands dead and wounded  
on both sides  
most have been  
Middle Eastern civilians  
They fill ther children  
Full of hate  
To fight an old man's war  
And die upon the road to peace

This is our land  
We will fight with all our force  
Say the Palastinians

And the Jews  
And each side will cut off the hand  
of anyone who tries to stop the  
Resistance  
If thy right eye offends thee then  
You must pluck it out  
And Machoud Abbas and  
Sharon had been lost  
Along the road to peace

Once Kissinger said we have no friends  
America only has interests  
And now our president wants to be seen  
As a hero and he's hungry for re-election  
But he is reluctant to risk his  
Future with the fear of his political failure  
So he plays chess at his desk  
As he poses for the press  
Ten thousand miles from the road to peace

In a video they found at the home  
of Abdel Madi Shabneh  
He held a kalishnikov riffle  
And he spoke with a voice  
More like a boy  
He was an excellent student  
He studied so hard it was as  
If he had a future and he told  
His mother that he had a test that day  
Along the road to peace

The fundamentalist killing  
On both sides are standing in the  
Path of peace  
But tell me why are we arming the Israeli  
Army with guns and tanks and bullets  
And if God is great  
And God is good  
Why can't he change the  
Hearts of men  
Maybe God himself is lost  
And needs help  
Maybe God himself he needs  
All of our help  
Maybe God himself is lost  
And needs help  
He's out up on the road to peace

Well maybe God himself is lost  
And needs help  
Maybe God himself he needs  
All of our help  
And he's lost upon  
The road to peace