

*Dedicated to Dr. Radovan Karadzic, the butcher of Bosnia, sentenced by the Hague War Crimes Tribunal for 40 years in prison for crimes of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity during the Bosnian War of 1992 – 1995*

## ***I SAW YOU***

I saw you

Standing on the balcony high above Krajina Square  
Holding an ode to fascism, to a hundred thousand gathered there  
And still I can't explain  
Why...

Why would a psychiatrist engage in sociopathic endeavours?  
Of creating empires and mountains of human bones soaked in blood  
Of exterminating entire nations and religious groups, for the sake of ethnic purity  
And you cloaked it all in a mantle of national righteousness

But I remember...

I remember those eyes, those steely cold eyes, which could not even betray a hint of empathy  
How strange for a psychiatrist?  
You were supposed to cure others of mental disease, yet you yourself were most afflicted  
Psychopathic fascist, without remorse, and without a righteous course  
Only death and creating a Greater irredentist something, which amounted to nothing...

And now you sit on the Hague chair, in Western Europe, over there  
Playing an innocent man for the western *ubermensch*, who see us as Balkan savages thanks to you  
Oh, this much is true, that I reject you, and all your fascist ideas, as I did when I was seven  
And if there is a Heaven, I won't see you there  
For I would barricade heaven's door and offend St. Peter, just to keep you out  
For you belong in hell

You don't care...

About a half a million dead, five million refugees, hundred thousand women raped  
Your supporters try to silence me, so I may not share  
But I too do not care, and I will speak out against you if it costs me my life  
Only a Balkan person understands Balkan strife  
You weren't even there...

No you were not there when they took their turns  
Gang raping her as she cried and screamed  
Her arms tied to the steel bars of the police station bed  
Their pants around their ankles, jumping on her like animals  
Tearing her soul and body apart like cannibals  
Until they extinguished her last dying breath

No you were not there  
And you don't care  
She was just another Muslim whore  
Only 19 years old  
She took care of me  
Taught me to swim in the Adriatic  
And I still see her brown hair and hazel eyes  
In cold winter nights across the Atlantic

Swimming in her crimson bathing suit, holding me up so I may not sink  
And I did not sink...

But I drowned when your vampires raped her to death  
And for her soul I pray to God with a clenched, shaky breath

And as for me? Well you see, you failed  
You sit in that Hague chair, in front of the judges  
And know that every moment you spend jailed  
Children are now adults, children you failed to impale  
With your poisonous hatred  
The propaganda they forced us to read in school, written by you

Oh, this much is true, I ridicule your ideas, and your passions  
Your psychopathic dogma, and failed empire building  
I am now a man, and a man committed to destroying fascists like you  
Destroying Balkan nationalisms, founded in ethnic cleansing and killing  
Destroying religious and racial hate, gender inequalities, and economic disparities

Know this much: one day, Balkans will be free  
Free of vampires like you, who mobilize millions into a blood orgy frenzy  
I don't forgive you for the nine thousand Bosniak men and boys  
Broken and murdered like toys, in the span of several days

And I don't forgive you  
The young Serbian men, your supposed brethren, whom you sent to their unwilling death  
Did you not say "we have designated 150,000 Serbs to die for our historical project...and lie"?

You never represented the Serbian people  
Despite your education, your ideology was stupid and simple  
Serbs are my friends, for your sins they should not atone  
The guilt lays with your personal band of fascists, and yours alone

The butcher of all, Serbs, Croats, and Bosnians  
Divided brothers, engaged in an illogical sibling rivalry  
Which fills me with rage, for they are in a cage and they don't realize it so  
That fascist demagogues are only good for the firing squad, or at best to be tried by a tribunal  
For it is a lie that Balkans are poisoned with "ancient, tribal hatreds"

Balkans are only poisoned by you and the likes of you  
False heroes, scurrying from under the rock like cockroaches in the sun  
And I will fight you, but without violence, for education is my massive gun  
Bigger than any AK pointed at my forehead outside my school by a drunken soldier  
In a way most cruel for a child to experience at such an early age...

Regardless of the decision of the tribunal at the Hague  
You are a child of Satan, and to him you shall return on Judgement Day  
And I will continue to trample on fascism long after your demonic presence vanishes from this earth  
Because from my birth, I have been raised, to see people as only two kinds: the good and the evil

You are the latter, and for that, no matter, your poison will soon die  
Like a dragonfly, whose 24 hours in the sun are brief, before its wings burn out  
Like Icarus flying high, drunk on your hubris  
Your wings of wax will soon melt  
And no longer will be felt  
Upon my soul  
The hateful gaze of your steely eyes

For this, to the Lord, I pray, Islamic-Christian prayer, united in brotherhood and defiance of Satan:

*Al – Fatihah:*

*Bismillaah ar-Rahman ar-Raheem  
Al hamdu lillaahi rabbil 'alameen  
Ar-Rahman ar-Raheem Maaliki yaumid Deen  
Iyyaaka na'abudu wa iyyaaka nasta'een  
Ihdinas siraatal mustaqeem  
Siraatal ladheena an 'amta' alaihim  
Ghairil maghduubi' alaihim waladaaleen*

Christian **Our Father** in Old Church Slavonic (7<sup>th</sup> century A.D.)

Отче нашъ иже еси на небесехъ,  
да святится имя Твоё,  
да прїидеть царствїе Твоё,  
да будетъ воля Твоя,  
яко на небеси и на земли.  
Хлебъ нашъ насущный даждь намъ днесь,  
и оста́ви намъ долги́ наша,

Яко и мы оставляемъ должникомъ нашимъ.  
и не въведи насъ в напáсть  
но избáви насъ от лукаваго:  
Яко твое есть царствїе  
и сила и слава во веки.  
Амин