

## Peace in Iraq

Iraq now asks  
What now  
Is possible  
When brave warriors  
Are not enough  
When victory  
Is not enough  
We admire  
The sacrifice  
Of the martyrs  
Yet we build nothing  
From their deeds  
Wars do not end  
In peace  
And words alone  
Will not heal  
The suffering  
We need now  
The strength  
Of the warrior  
To win the peace  
Many have  
Fought so hard for  
Before those  
Who did not fight

Did not suffer  
Did not bleed  
Set again  
Another course  
Toward the next war  
Leaving the people  
Wondering  
Where is the peace  
And calling  
For the return  
Of the warrior  
In this city  
Of peace  
There is seen  
Only blood  
When will  
Baghdad return  
To govern its people.  
Who so deserve  
Her peace

—Maj. Gen. Walter Piatt  
Iraq, August 2018