

If the war goes on

THE ROAD TO BASRAH



Solo 1 If the war goes on and the chil - dren die of hun - ger, and the
Men 2 If the war goes on and the truth is tak - en hos - tage, and new
Women 3 If the war goes on and the dai - ly bread is ter - ror, and the
Solo 4 If the war goes on and the rich in - crease their for - tunes, and the
All 5 If the war goes on, will we close the doors to heav - en? If the



old men weep, for the young men are no more, and the wom - en learn how to
ter - rors lead to the need to eu - phe - mize; when the calls for peace are de -
voice - less poor take the road as ref - u - gees; when a na - tion's pride des - tines
arms sales soar as new weap - ons are dis - played; when a fer - tile field turns to
war goes on, will we breach the gates of hell? If the war goes on, will we



dance with - out a part - ner, who will keep the score?
clared un - pa - tri - ot - ic, who'll ex - pose the lies?
mil - lions to be home - less, who will heed their pleas?
mo - man's - land to - mor - row, who'll ap - prove such trade?
ev - er be for - giv - en? If the war goes on...

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