## **Both Sides Now**

Looking out at an achingly beautiful ocean on a late October day in 2023, thinking about all of the innocent people killed in the name of other people's beliefs.

Deep are the stories that became us Steeped in the blood of those before Now spilled on streets of our undoing No one will win this war

Long are the days of twisted sunlight Dark is the night without a flame Baby born in smoke and slaughter Buried without a name

Another child without a father
Another day in fear and flight
The dread of noise, the ghost of quiet
Portrait in black and white

Another child without a mother Another sister, brother ... gone Cityscape of busted mortar Story of right and wrong

A world away it's all debated Who's at fault and what's to blame No way my heart can truly open That I can know this pain