

OUTSIDE INSIDE CENTRE

WE WERE ALL BLINDSIDED BY THIS.

**HANDS ON HEAD AND STILLED, MID-STRIDE,
WE ALL STARED AT THE SCREEN.**

**BACK THEN, BEFORE A SHRILL WHISTLE
PUT A SUDDEN STOP TO OUR RITUAL GATHERING
IN TIERS, WHERE WE'D THROG IN UNIFIED PURPOSE
AND WARM OUR HANDS ON PURE SPECTACLE.**

**WHERE A SINGLE MATCH OF RED FLAME
COULD IGNITE AN ENTIRE NATION,
OUR STADIUM STANDS EMPTY,
FIRE QUENCHED.**

**WHERE WE WOULD STIR THE PASSIONS
OF HYMNS OVER A BLAZING HEAT,
THERE SITS A HEAVY LID
ON OUR CAULDRON OF REBIRTH.**

**SO IS IT POSSIBLE, A REIMAGINING NOW,
AFTER A STATIC SUMMER SPENT ROOTED
BETWEEN HALFBACK AND FULLBACK?**

**TO THOSE WHO'D SAY
WE'RE NOTHING BUT ARMCHAIR FANS AFTER ALL,
THINK AGAIN:
WE'VE SKIN IN THIS GAME.**

**SO LET'S RAISE OUR ROOFS,
FILL OUR HEARTS AGAIN WITH HOPE,
LIFT OUR HANDS AND SING.**

**NO, IT'S NOT OURS THE SPLIT LIP,
STRAPPED KNEE AND BRUISED RIB,
BUT AT HOME, ALL THE SAME,
OUR SINEWS STRAIN,
TIGHT AS BOWSTRINGS, HARP STRINGS,
BRACING AS IN A FEVER DREAM
AGAINST AN IMPACT LONG DESIRED.**

**THE RULES SAY: AVOID TOUCH.
BUT WE YEARN FOR THE SCRUM'S
LOVE-SPOON KNOTWORK CWTSH.**

**AS WE SAY IN OUR LANGUAGE,
HAWDD CYNNAU TÂN AR HEN AELWYD –
NEW FIRES BURN BEST IN OLD GRATES,
AND OURS WAS ALWAYS FUELLED
BY THE ANCIENT BELIEF
THAT NO OPPOSITION'S INSURMOUNTABLE.**

**BELIEVE, THEN,
AND LET'S WARM OUR HANDS ON A PASSION
HOT AS A THOUSAND HEARTHES,
BECAUSE IN EVERY HOME
THERE'S ROOM FOR US ALL IN THIS LINE-UP,
OUTSIDE, INSIDE, CENTRE.**

WE'RE WITH YOU, BOIS.

EURIG SALISBURY

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