Blood of Youthful Patriots

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Blood of patriots, Why must your blood flow so often? So freely? Easily? Too quickly, and Completely?

Is it youthful naivety, you see not the danger? Do you believe death will never find you, and you really cannot die? Or think it is not God's Plan for you to decide our fate, and He will protect you ... forever?

Whether charging forward... or as still as the night, hugging earth or running for your life... the burning pain finds you... stabbing indifferently, searching for a way through.

Perhaps shrapnel carves and dices your flesh... or the violent, perfect explosion atomizes you all...and even your. With nothing...no-thing to send home to mom.

Did you even know why you were there?

Why must it be? I know not why your blood flows so often... and deadly bleeds away your life.

Only that it does.

Is it really as the old sage has said, *The cost of freed*om, or *The Reaper's toll*?

Could it be as simple as a young patriot's desire to fill the boots of patriot men of his blood...and your willingness to play that role for God and Country?