

## **The Dreaded K-9**

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(1965, Da Nang AB (Don Poss  
& Blackie 129X)

In the mirror of my soul echoes  
the ghost of a jungle war long  
past.

Sights and sounds so surreal,  
the smell of napalm as it burns  
on a nearby hill.

A pop flare slowly drifts across  
the razor fence,  
as black pajama clad shadows  
in slow motion perform  
their strange, exotic dance.

The death defying silence  
broken by the roar of a  
noisy 105.

Instantly followed by the crack  
of small arms fire,  
and the jungle comes alive.

Enemies beware! For here  
lurks the dreaded K-9

Out of the jungle darkness,  
a single voice in time.

***Heel Blackie! Heel!***

*\* Dedicated to all military police K-9 Handlers and their dogs, past and present.*

[105: howitzer video: [https://duckduckgo.com/?va=n&t=hu&q=105+howitzer&iax=videos&ia=videos&iai=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DA5s-3uJG\\_gY](https://duckduckgo.com/?va=n&t=hu&q=105+howitzer&iax=videos&ia=videos&iai=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DA5s-3uJG_gY)

*\* The only way to feel the 105's power is to turn up your volume as loud as it will go!*