

## **“Oh Iraq!”**

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Not missing you in the way where I  
Would want to be reunited with you.  
But I do very much want you to fare well –  
I remember the lovely tree in 2011 that  
Stood on my way to work.  
I wondered if it knew there was war?  
Could the bird sense something?  
How did the tree continue on with flowers  
When so much misery was there?  
I finally found the asphalt site where  
We loaded the wounded back in 2005.  
Finding it gave some closure, some recognition of  
A fixed point existing from one deployment to another.  
So, I do think of you Oh Iraq.