

# New Poem by Nathan Didier: “Hearts and Minds”



Spilling Our Blood / image by Amalie Flynn

## **Hearts and Minds**

We came to provide help that you didn't want.  
We came to provide security you didn't need.  
We came to provide schools that you didn't care about.  
We came to provide a government that didn't work.  
We came to provide democracy you didn't understand.  
We came to provide infrastructure you wouldn't take care of.  
We came to provide a better life that you didn't ask for.  
And we kept spilling our blood and couldn't understand how you  
could be so ungrateful.