

# New Poetry by Devin Mikles: “Telegram to Mrs. Sargent”



BLUE POWDER SMOKE / *image by  
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ONLY MUDDY BOOTS AND HELMETS CAKED RUSTING  
ROTTING IN STEAMING GREENHOUSES STICK UP  
FROM DECAYED REMAINS CAUSED BY DETESTABLE  
HUMAN ANGER VENT BY WORLD POLITICAL  
COMPANY FOUNDED ON INORDINATE DESIRE. STOP.  
BLUE POWDER SMOKE SIFTS THROUGH THIN LIGHT  
RAYS AMONG MANY OTHERS YOUR SON ARRIVED HERE  
TODAY SHORTLY AFTER MORTAR FIRE  
STOPPED ON PHENOM PHENH. STOP.  
GOD

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