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## EIGHT NAVY SEALS

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Afghanistan  
opened its mouth

and swallowed us,  
one by one

by one  
until we were  
none.

Our Chinook flew  
out on a rescue.

We were holding  
our packs and guns.

We exploded into  
a single-file line,

going black  
on the horizon.

Underneath us,  
a teeming city

of reporters  
spoke our history,

words that curled  
in the dry wind,

lifted off  
and away  
to America.