

Remote side of the world
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*The New Year is here;
the new moon's revealed her face,
I'm halfway around the world,
in a most peculiar place.*

*Following my heart
Past Saudi and Iran
Behind an Army of warriors on a C-17
We're packed in like sardines
with apprehension, artilleries and anticipation.*

*I came here to promote justice;
I came here to do my job
I came here make my move on
The big board game of life.*

*I'm up at dawn and down at dusk
some things remain the same
The sun rises and sets
I'm far too tired to notice.*

*I believe in God
Obvious or not
I Feel like an Easter Lilly that not so bright.
The wind blows the sand coats
Tonight I sit in the dessert alone.*

*Awaken by a call,
I joined the fight
The battle flag is flown
Another boy is not coming home,
Another mother is crying,
Another friend has soared to the creator.
It's just another day in the desert.*

*Well it's another holiday and a birthday so far from home.
No Wise men, no limos.
I think about family
I wish I could jump on a plane.
So many nights I just dream of the life I left behind.*

*I can't look back for too long
there's just too much to see waiting in front of me.*

*It's Mardi gras in Al Udeid.
With celebrant and his comrades,
High up on the truck top with Hookah.
You can relish all the noise;
Airmen are dancing on the tables
People bouncing like gazelles
Horns and bells greet the feast
It's how we celebrate
Another day at the Deid.*

*A Sunset framed by dust
Burns a lasting memory
And a string of tiny twinkling lights
adorn the sidra tree.
It's just another day in paradise.*

*I've done a bit of preaching,
I've made my share of friends.
Back home its afternoon, six thousand miles away.
I will still be here in six months, God I hope I get through.
I don't have a plan; it's not that kind of thing,
I don't have a dream; it's just something I know
This is where I'm supposed to be.*

*I'm on the threshold of adventure, God I love this job so.
That's the way we do things in the remote part of the world.*