

I PROMISE. . .

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Now or never is the notion of politics
today
While alternative voices don't get the
time of day
Although the children on the corner
never mention their heroes of today
I promise something new will come
their way

"Never bet on the long shot"
And "Remember to grab the one that's
hot"
Questionable suggestions for the young
That does not include: "Don't pickup
a gun"
In this time of "War", which only just
begun

Yesterday Iraq, today Iran, and tomor-
row North Korea?
Who knows what's in the mind of a
pseudo-leader

Despite the distance we have traveled
in this race
We still spend too much time in a
foreign place
It's not hard to reason against per-
petual invasion and treachery
I promise no one will raise a flag in
victory

The march for freedom continues with
violence
We must critically reflect on our mass
action without silence
Although many are fearful of riot
We must not stand quiet
I promise things will change almost
overnight
Once we choose to use our collective
might