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The p0wer of numbers

by
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Decades passed before I could grasp

the concept beyond

the lifting of (over) 3000 children

plus the deaths of some 58000 Americans

equals

a pledge of allegiance to one nation

under God, indivisible

It only took 2 angry fathers (minus 2 sons)

plus 1 word (gook)¹⁰

to bury 20 years of America's

military involvement in Vietnam



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beneath my skin

and throw the whole thing

out

of

balance

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