

**We Have No Fida'iyn**

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Dancers and  
voyagers, speakers  
in all the tongues  
of compliance. But  
No fida'iyn.

We are drying, chanting,  
praying, begging. But  
no fida'iyn.

In the cities and suburbs, in the  
dying countryside, we travel  
with passports  
of anger.

Yet no fida'iyn.

But wait!  
from the farthest shore

A chant is born  
in the shadow of resorts.

And we are there, bowing  
to the lords  
of creation.

fida'iyn: In Arabic, the plural of fida'i, "one ready to sacrifice his life for his country".