

War games

I think Call of duty's a stupid game with a lot to answer for
My sons sixteen and thinks it's great to get the highest score
He wants to sign himself up to kill the Taliban
Without the real concept of ending another man
He doesn't realise that bullets don't let you be reborn
Like up on the big screen where he has to just re-spawn
His character just got shot but he didn't feel the pain
And he thinks it's so believable how he just gets up again
Do you want to see my kill rate? He asks, pointing out his stats
They should take me to the warzone they couldn't handle that
And so I have to point out that it's only make believe
And if you really get shot then you no longer breathe
He plays it almost constantly, every night for hours
Convincing him that soldier boys contain some super powers
If I could only take him back in time to the games I used to play
They were far from realistic in any given way
And if I'd been like my son such an influential fan
He would not have been born because I would be Pac Man

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