

## PART ONE

### Before the Taliban

سوري سوري په گولو راشي د بي ننگي آواز د رame شه مئنه

*Sorey sorey pa golo rashey*

*Da be nangai awaz de ra ma sha mayena*

Rather I receive your bullet-riddled body with honour

Than news of your cowardice on the battlefield

(Traditional Pashto couplet)