

WAR FOR PEACE, PEACE FOR WAR

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It is our country's disagreement  
that furthers our environment  
of homes without fathers, sisters, sons,  
that are away, fighting for some  
peace between the nations,  
but it was our leaders' own decisions  
that have brought us to the place  
where there is not a trace  
of love between the countries,  
not a shred of peace.

The screams for orders  
and the shouts of demands  
can be heard across the plain  
through the hurt and through the pain  
soldiers will respond with  
devotion and full grit,  
even though their comrades are  
far, far, far, away  
from the light of the day  
that plays through the toil and the fray.

Some awake from the night  
fraught with terror and filled with fright,  
from nightmares stemmed from realities  
of war and blood and screams  
belonging to their fellow army men  
who did not achieve accomplishment  
from the fields and deserts where  
they thought to themselves,  
“What would you change?”  
I would erase the fighting pain.

The End