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I've seen death only on the news,
 And now I've seen blood and grief.
 What am I to do with these deaths in my head?
 Make room for them—
 Make room for puddled blood
 Preserved, reviewed and edited.
 Make room for a nameless victim,
 A numberless victim,
 Another prime-time newsmaking death.
 What am I to do with these deaths in my head?
 These monstrous preludes to my dreams.
 Make room for them—
 For on anniversaries
 I am reminded with footage
 That children burn and young men bleed
 And women weep,
 With me.

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