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## Ten O'clock News

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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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