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## **War And Death**

Why canoe to the line sea touch the sky?  
An insect that flies to hot flame weds death  
towards red burning flames eclipse, moths fly.

Our eyes will have to close tight dark one day  
like childhood chase of balls ends at a heath  
Why canoe to the line sea touch the sky?

Soldiers fight to kill and die night and day  
to maintain the family's bread and breath  
towards red burning flames eclipse, moths fly.

Not buried bodies scatter and decay  
Pilots bomb on pre-set target depth  
why canoe to the line sea touch the sky?

Clouds hide the sun and moon, darken the sky  
fireflies' green glow fails to light up dark earth  
towards red burning flames eclipse, moths fly.

Missiles and rockets fire up the night sky,  
red poppy blooms grow in the field of death  
why canoe to the line sea touches the sky?  
Towards red burning flames eclipse, moths fly.

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