



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
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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
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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
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