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They come with their monster machines
A small army to mow
The neighbor's yard

The machines battle the stubborn grass
But it has no chance
Against their modern weapons
Their stronger wills

Blades bayonet the grass
The sounds of battle
Stir up the silence and
Choke the street
With dust and debris

And afterward
When the smoke clears
We admire the work that's done
Thinking it is taken care of

Black bags remain
Left at the curb in rows
Like cemetery crosses

Yet in the aftermath of war
We go about our business
With clean conscience
Even pride

Like grass
War re-sprouts over and over again
Resilient in its terror

Hardy as weeds
Popping up
Wherever there's a crack
In compromise or peace.