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## inevitability

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how could we begin again  
when there was still  
pain and death  
and silence and war –

yes, war,  
war so imminent  
it belched and crowed  
from tall, gray mountains  
into small rooms  
only big enough for  
human hearts;

and peace could not  
stop it, eradicate it,  
nor negate the need for  
war's thirsty greed –

sons, wives,  
daughters, and husbands  
decaying the ground  
with shallow graves  
and ruthless right,  
today's heroes abandoned  
for tomorrow's glory;

for who heeds history's  
unending lesson of power,  
snide treason, and blood  
split for a smitten race –

blind as they be,  
yearning for sweet promises  
in autumn's dark gloom  
under heavy apple tree,  
creating a fearful enemy  
out of the friends we  
only now make.

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*Untitled*  
by Sherry Dickson

