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inevitability

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.

Molly Boyce

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