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## Never Ending Story

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**NEVER ENDING STORY**

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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.