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These penned letters won't shield civilians.
Metaphors won't dry a motherless child's eyes.
As I reach for lined sheets, bullets rain on millions.

My handwriting will occupy a page, not rebuild bombed urban areas. "We fight for peace," food the government provides: lies.
These penned letters won't shield civilians.

Soldiers cling to each other rather than their weapons.
A father's tears stain his children before whispering goodbyes.
As I reach for lined sheets, bullets rain on millions.

Bodies line the streets as pleading nurses are replaced by fill-ins performing amputations in the lobby. Award a Nobel Peace Prize if these penned letters can shield civilians.

Children roam among rubble where they frolicked with companions, but what once flourished in fields is mowed down or dies.
As I reach for lined sheets, bullets rain on millions.

Teacup-sized hands wipe a pale pink nightgown of vermilion.
Then another evacuation helicopter flies
if these penned letters won't shield civilians.
As I reach for lined sheets, bullets rain on millions.

