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WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

*The sabres rattle
(on one side of the Hill)
as military Finery
hones
to their Glory
of Destruction,
of wantonness,
and waste,
of human needs,
and cities,
and homes.*

*The Other side
Speakers clearly
of Construction!
To heal,
to unify the lands,
to plant
seeds of love
upon which
our wasted youth
to grow,*

*to sow care,
which
beings could reap
and re-sow,
again,
for their labor.*

*But it's People!
Multitudes!
Everywhere!
(no matter their station)
who identify
with others,
as one human race.
It's People!
who move mountains.
People!
cross the seas.
And only
People!
You and I!
who
can Make the Peace!*

- Olga J. Northwood