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## RAPE OF PEACE

I watched in helplessness and awe,  
As across the cobalt blue of heaven  
an eagle screamed in victory,  
While clutched within the spidery talons strong,  
A small white dove belched out her plaintive cry.  
And tiny drops of life blood fell  
Across a muted land,  
as man's blood falls, when hopes are soaring high,  
When heaven is close, in battles curse;  
The tiny feathers falling, left  
Their vapor trail behind: For man to see  
and heed and learn,  
A message from the universe.