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HAPPY AGAIN

The bombs drop like carefully aimed candy from little
hands over the balcony of a movie theatre;
And the bodies lie like ticker tape after a glorious
parade.

A young man squints his face in agony and looks as though
he has eaten something sour.
The insipid, grey smoke hovers omnisciently over the
war raked ruins.

The palm trees do backbends from the force of the heli-
copters that loft above;
And the grass flattens in ripples like waves out at sea.

All the dead are happy again and all the rest wish they
were.

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