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It was necessary to stand by fire
and the ironwork of friendship

Not the arrow of arms but the hand of poetry
Not bellicose piety or patriotic gore
Not incendiary words but intense silence
Not anthems but kaddish
Not beauty or sensibility but only convergence

Whether there is justice in this world
in this sky under these northern lights

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