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Before the war
we were roused by bright things:
Shining tiara on the head
of a Turkish concubine
The Prince’s peacock
His white palace
Afternoon cinemas and Gary Cooper
A glittering ocean liner
Ship of fools
residents of Pompeii
ambivalent to the black Fascist
storm descending overhead
men slow dancing in a fog
A dog hit by a race car
snow
soft floating ash
falling on willing bodies
in spring
we are fools
not ruled by ideology electricity
but by passion by bricks
firecrackers daydreams
Before the war
we were concerned with living things:
a funeral a wedding

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