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Hey!  
 Just when we  
 thought we had  
 this hero business  
 all straightened out,  
 along comes **this**  
 startling  
 confusion of images . . .  
 What are you  
 newsguys  
 trying to do to us,  
 de-mythologize again  
 "the American hero"?  
 You just got through  
 taking him  
 out of war  
 and,  
 keeping him  
 in flag-festooned  
 khaki surrogates,  
 sent him into space!  
 And now this  
 gap-bridging handclasp!  
 Wow!  
 Next you'll tell us  
 that hair,  
 even shoulder-length,  
 can hide a brain  
 as true  
 to some saner sense  
 of red-white-and-blue  
 loyalty  
 as drives astronautical crania,  
 short hair cased,  
 to obsessive dreams  
 of US footsteps  
 very first  
 upon the moon . . .  
 and then maybe  
 that breasts unarmored  
 by medals and ribbons  
 and pretty regimental patches  
 (and maybe even bare  
 except for lathern peace insignia  
 and/or beads of love  
 only yesterday patently  
 subversive)  
 might housel

nobler sacrifice  
 of life  
 than bleeding it out  
 in foxholes or  
 muddy rice paddies;  
 that such a breast  
 might even harbor  
 hopes  
 for "law and order"  
 got another way  
 than wrenched by riot guns  
 and mace  
 in violent victory  
 validated by  
 weaponry  
 and rocketry;  
 that **peace**  
 might even  
 combust  
 spontaneously  
 (in spite of everything)  
 in hippied halls  
 of M.I.T.  
 or Harvard  
 or Center City  
 Junior College,  
 Center City,  
 U. S. A.

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