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## On Peace

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The men are planning war again  
as if it will bring peace  
as if peace were not a more difficult thing  
than war

peace is about courage  
peace comes  
when you stay with the other person  
thought every cell in your body says  
to run and flee and fight

peace comes like snow falling on dried  
barren ground  
a white light  
falling softly through the sky

it comes  
after dark  
it's hard to give up  
all the old pains  
that you hold tight to in your heart  
to give up on all the deaths  
all the dyings that have happened  
between you

to give up all of your fears  
to give them quietly away  
to stand naked without fear  
before the person  
you love to hate

it doesn't come lightly  
strewn with misunderstandings  
takes every courage  
no light hearted things  
this peace  
sheer act of will  
of love

an eloquence of tongue  
of spirit

of hands touching

a bowing of the head

a simple movement

of the heart

this peace