

# Fallujah (11/8/04)

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On lines near maple's blaze I pin our flowered sheets.  
Spilled gold speaks, crisp, under my feet.  
Above: bare branches, birdsong, blue.

Today in your streets our blasts of *heavy metal* boom,  
drown out all calls: to arms, to prayer.  
And I am so ashamed. Brave Sister,

Are you still standing, hanging out white linen, black robe,  
putting on the line what is clean, lifting it  
into whatever sun shines there today?