

For the choirmaster

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If a lion roars, who does not tremble? (Amos 3:8)

if a bomb
falling
in the poem
explodes
will it
be heard
amidst
lines
words
and no metaphor
worthy
of its actuality

come now
let us
together
in chorality
summon
the names
above the noise
names
never again mute
Mariupol
Donetsk
Luhansk
Kharkiv
Zhytomyr
Berdychiv
Chornobyl

come now
carpet
the earth
with their names
Kyiv
all Ukraine
unheard
unnamed