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Soldier on,

they say.

Boots beating

on a broken path.

Ringing fire and

ringing ears

do not pause

when a brother falls.

You move without motion,

simple days now,

a calculus of commotion.

Same thing tomorrow,

they say.

Metal bit

where a lover's hand

never lay.

You sit,

head bent.

Pause.

You cry.

Unpause.