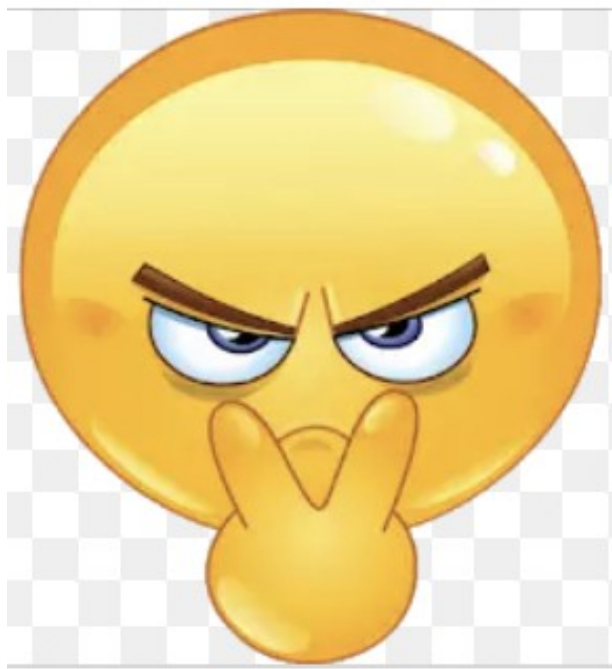


war poems

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Prelude

“Friends (Quakers) are people of differing backgrounds, with the common understanding that all people are on a spiritual journey. Friends have no single creed or outward sacraments or symbols. We believe that within each person there is a divine spark, or “that of God,” leading us to oppose everything that diminishes life: war, violence, oppression, injustice, and excesses of all kinds. We hold that killing another human being would be an act against that of God in him or her.

Despite our diversity, Friends find that we can live in accordance with our common values. When we do, our values become our testimonies, or witness, to the world. Friends testimonies on peace, equality, simplicity, integrity, truth, community, and diversity have evolved over time and are the outward expressions of Friends' attempts to turn our idealism into action.

We make no distinction between the sacred and the secular as we try to live out our beliefs through our daily activities and behavior.”

Monterey Peninsula Friends Meeting

Committee, the Friends Committee on Legislation/California, and the Friends Committee on National Legislation

<https://montereyfriends.org/>



Dave Matthews, Quaker



Here come the Nukes

Are you under your desk yet?
Praying for peace...
Here come the Nukes

Turn-off CNN if you can
Still have gas and food there?
Here come the Nukes

An emotional bloodbath
Migrating away
Here come the Nukes

Raising arms
Shoot out the mirrors
Here come the Nukes

Red Cross warns of “worst-case scenario” for hundreds of thousands in Mariupol

our hearts first

Blood Red River Ditches

Sitting Ducks

There will be nothing to come home to

Except burning skies

Invasion lies

Our maternity beds torn apart

Tanks and children dancing in spring mud

Take your body bags and go home comrades

We will rebuild our hearts first



Branding the War

Startengine Nuts Liberty Mutual
Chase WorkHuman Discover Card
Wolf & Shepherd homelight crypto
Redfin Boost Principal Vuity
4imprint Dailyharvest Trelegy
Stuff Vicks IdealAgent
Menopause



The Rubble

A doll lies black and bruised

Her hands lost forever

Putin's pile crusade

Pulling people out of their faces

Eyes dusted gone with ash

Burned-out buildings scarred like dead owls

Air raid sirens sing

The dead zone song

A doll is dead

A man stares motionless

In a rubble grave



Blood Red

Asshole Aristocrat King Snake Ogre

Thief Trump Liar Evil Hitler Clan

Devil Criminal Gangster

Thug Putin Zealot Monster

Hellraiser Terrorist Hater

Nazi



Killing Generals

1. Don't wait to weed.
2. Grab by the base and pull out the roots.
3. Ply the proper tools.
4. Understand herbicides.
5. Prevent seeds from germinating.
6. Cut it out.
7. Know when to turn up the heat!
8. Grow a no-till garden.
9. Try landscape fabric.
10. Weed when the soil is wet and soft.

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Lyrics to Ukraine's National Anthem

The glory and freedom of Ukraine has not yet perished
Luck will still smile on us brother-Ukrainians.

Our enemies will die, as the dew does in the sunshine,
and we, too, brothers, we'll live happily in our land.

We'll not spare either our souls or bodies to get freedom
and we'll prove that we brothers are of Kozak kin.