

# CALL TO ARMS

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Bomb-blasts and bloodshed seen on TV screens  
which many older folk eat dinner to  
we can't just scrape aside like dried-out beans.

One need not be a homesick State-side Jew  
or Palestinian to be drawn in,  
to slip into a hapless fighter's shoe.

No faith-based warfare truly scores a win—  
though merchants of the arms that both sides use  
truck dollars to the bank and feel no sin.

And I? A TV-watcher who "just views"?  
Am I no arms-maker's conspirator?  
In watching, have I somehow missed the news?

What deeper call to arms must shake my snore,  
must rouse me up before I boycott firms  
which profiteer on war that I abhor?

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