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By Valerie Perczek

Air is unsafe here.
Cover your mouth and lungs now.

Squirming inside her,
a toxic heart grows,
mouth shut
as another's skin breathes.

Peace is what we crave.
Yet war is what drips out.

His skin is your skin.
His eyes
a reflection of
your father's.

Feel the bullet as
the two blood streams
flow as one.