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blowing apart in the wind  
*after Curtis LeMay*

*I suppose if I had lost the war-*  
I'd rather take stones than words,  
rather a bruise than another cut of "idealistic youth."  
I wish my organizers hadn't killed  
themselves in another battle,  
so I'd have a path to follow.

*...I would have been tried as a war criminal.*  
peace signs are a crucifix, a loving connector  
to a history I was born of.  
my friends and I prefer to talk of homework  
than those buried under rubble and boots.

*But...if you let that bother you-*  
I send kisses to doves and beautiful people,  
wear patches that proclaim "work for peace."  
if only I lived in Washington or 1967.  
I am more familiar with English literature  
than military operations.

*...you're not a good soldier.*  
and I understand what my friend means  
when he wishes for something to die for,  
because dying must be easier than giving up your life.  
the fight ended years before I was born,  
but when will the war be over?