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If no child loses a shoe, or
if there is anger and no sin,
then there is no war.

To be clear:
No breast button is broken by
equipment that is merely light.

We have learned to give others
heat that goes beyond warmth,
heat we deliver more or less
precisely, to the degree that
our nature allows.

It follows that some of our kind
stick out like sore thumbs
for their lack of hustle
into the next moment.

State of the art cups that cannot
explode when touched might be joined by
string with truth-checking fibers cut
to the length of Earth’s radius
and these strung taut to our core.

If we have no way of hearing
our crimes being told and retold
by our dead, then this weaponry
does not yet exist.

We will be angels
only of chance
if that is exactly the point.

\(^1\) Inspired by Kareem Tayyar’s “The Dream Journal” (see https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/poems/156902/dream-journal) as well as current events.