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# Wartime Logic<sup>1</sup>

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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.

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<sup>1</sup> Inspired by Kareem Tayyar's "The Dream Journal" (see <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/poems/156902/dream-journal>) as well as current events.