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Searing flashes,  
exploding thunderous claps  
invade her magical, make-believe world.  
Crying summons Daddy to her room.  
Cradling her he whispers  
the thunder will soon pass.

She barely peeks at him  
until his warmth and strength  
overwhelm her fears.  
Daddy is strong and big and handsome  
dressed in his uniform  
with those shiny silver wings.

Six thousand miles away  
a young boy cowers in the ruins  
of a war ravaged house. He endures  
another day of thunder  
from screaming jets, hovering choppers,  
precision bombs, laser guided missiles.

As Mother tries to ease his anguish  
he erupts in sobbing prayer:  
let Father return safely,  
please make the thunder stop.

The violent storm quiets.  
Daddy places the little girl in her bed.  
She asks once more  
why he must go to war.

She is asleep  
when he whispers,  
“To create the thunder.”