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I saw babies today
Sick babies tethered to tubes,
held in mothers' arms

I was reminded of those days with Lily
when we watched our newborn grandchild
fight for her life while she slept

The babies I saw today
lay on a concrete floor
of a basement make-shift bomb shelter

Exhausted mothers by their side
Tearful, they share their pain,
their fear, their lives upended

Their own personal crisis
now embedded in the destruction of war,
testing the limits of human endurance

Lily is 10 now, she doesn't want to hear
about those painful weeks
we still hold in our hearts

I can only hope that someday
the same will be true
for the babies in the bomb shelter



Renee Tran.
It's A Little Cold Here.
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