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On the News

Karen Kuchar

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



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