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Is it cowardice, then
To fly a flag I do not believe in
And break from isolation into the pretense of a superpower
I never meant to become,
To be swept up in that war fever,
Or to keep my silence and be left behind in sweet but invisible peace,
Never to fly a flag at all?
War is not, after all, a spectator sport
And though unfit, I have no choice
Except to play and be without meaning
Or to sink into the battlefield,
Silence being among the first casualties of this war,
To go down with my ship and be without purpose.

Jessica Shubert



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