

For the choirmaster

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*If a lion roars, who does not tremble? (Amos 3:8)*

if a bomb  
falling  
in the poem  
explodes  
will it  
be heard  
amidst  
lines  
words  
and no metaphor  
worthy  
of its actuality

come now  
let us  
together  
in chorality  
summon  
the names  
above the noise  
names  
never again mute  
Mariupol  
Donetsk  
Luhansk  
Kharkiv  
Zhytomyr  
Berdychiv  
Chornobyl

come now  
carpet  
the earth  
with their names  
Kyiv  
all Ukraine  
unheard  
unnamed