

## **A Few Reasons to Oppose the War**

because wind sighs in the branches of trees  
like blood sighing through veins

because in each country there are songs  
huddled like wet-feathered birds

because our bodies are soft and easily harmed  
and destruction is a way of dying, not living

because we are so utterly human  
and so prone to grief

because even though the news has nothing new to say  
and keeps on saying it  
NO still fights its way into the world

because for every bomb that is readied  
a baby nestles into her mother,  
latches onto a nipple beaded with milk

because the tulips have waited all winter  
in the cold dark earth

because each morning the wildflowers outside my window  
raise their yellow faces to the sun

because we are all, each one of us,  
in love with the light

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