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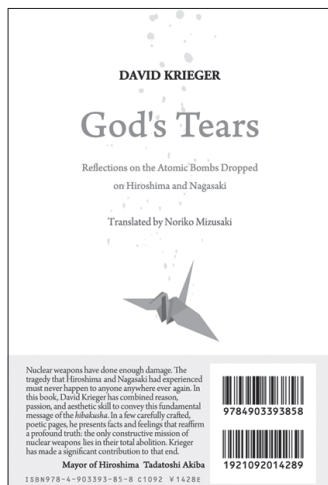
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When the bomb became our god
We loved it far too much,
Worshipping no other gods before it.

We looked to it for comfort,
To its smooth metallic grace.

We thought ourselves great
And powerful, creators of worlds.

When the bomb became our god
We lived in a constant state of war
That we called *peace*.

We turned toward infinity,
Giving the bomb our very souls.

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