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we forefront a movement perhaps ...

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in the sighs we make
in the eyes
the kisses between
the thunderstorm
and the heartbeats
the spaces we create
almost by accident

we have ruled the world
sometimes
when we have to
us women

our little sleeps
take significance
among stars

Grandad

A 6-pack of Guinness in a brown paper
bag
A big man in a box with an IRA flag
Old Carlow brigade, 4th battalion
Gunshots in the rain
And the spitting out of empty shells
Never to be seen again
My mother cries
I hold an umbrella
The army men move away
And I remember what he would say
Happy the bride the sun shines on
And happy the corpse laid to rest
In the rain
He will never be seen again
Outside the mind's memory
St. Mullins will never be the same

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