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this morning i woke up and i
was Theodore Roethke
losing bits of myself to you

is this a just war that we're fighting now?
atoms colliding – these pieces of we

“Safety will be the sturdy child of terror,
and survival the twin brother of annihilation”
at least, that’s what Churchill thought.

we never signed a “no first use” agreement

...
no one ever jumped the gun
dropped the bomb
– until now.

i was sitting in that room the other night
when someone said to me, “did you
know that when
anti-particles
collide that they nullify one another?”

well,

this morning i woke up and you
were the spokesperson for nuclear war.

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