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ADDICTION

For as long as humans have been on Earth
there has been war.

From tribal wars,
to Medieval Crusades,
empires being built
and destroyed.

People are addicted to violence.
Whether staged like the Gladiators
or real like the Inquisitions.

Our excuses have developed,
changed
as time has passed.
Our ways of killing
have become more efficient.

Now we have a War on Terror.
A feeling.
Given as a name to people.
We have forgotten the reason.
We have messed with their lives.
But still we fight.
We fight for addiction.

Though we are addicted to war
it is those with less money,
less say,
less power who lose.

The soldiers.
Who will never be the same
or never come home.

The families.
Who grieve lost members
torn away by war.

Those who lose their jobs,
because we were too busy fighting
to look after ourselves.

We don't fight for ourselves.
We don't fight to defend.
We fight because we are addicted . . .

Addicted to violence.