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when words become wars
it's not always about the battle cry
my dirtiest fighting has never been loud
the secrets i hold under my tongue taste like tripwire
i've learned to clench my molars just right
push the switchblades tight against gums
things left unspoken plume through my lungs
i keep my mouth closed, tight as a vice
can't chance you smelling the copper

but understand when the muscles in my jawline tense
and my eyes become a little distant
that i'm swallowing grenades
choking back bombs and shrapnel
to save you from the explosion
this is the best way that i know how to love soft
by wounding myself rather than you

love isn't simply as cliché as red roses and candy hearts
it's also about digging in, bucking our patterns
looking outside of oneself as often as we look within
making room is a selfless act, so be less selfish
we are on the same battleground afterall
full of fresh wounds and weeping scars
you can choose to be continued gut punch
i'll embrace the serenity of a white flag