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A Tough Day for the Generals

The sun's firepower reveals
everyone accounted for,
moonlight confirms all sides winners.

Children learn to think
in classrooms free of any threats.
Students, teachers, parents are safe.

Solid intel on secular and theological lines
indicates all hot and cold spots
under control, the adversaries blameless.

Military actions, invasions of privacy—
canceled. We make thousands of allies
without attacking another country.

Trillions for the Antimatter Obliterator
stream into United Nations programs
to end starvation and poverty.

Worldwide peace overtures succeed,
a sense of independence prevails,
no one needs to be told who governs.

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