A Tribute to September 11, 2001

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Citation


Abstract

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with smoke and fire and ash and dust, life, itself, rained down

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then - right there in the middle of mid-day morn, life rose up from the streets - people cried and people screamed, those that made it down people jumped and people fell, burned and broken, unfound (lying there on a street of gold, curled up in the arms of god)...

but, the mountains of ruin and bodies-debris - could not stop others from running ... not away - but to... right to the heart of that monster - (into the towers that be) you see, a thousand heroes, a thousand names and not one of them paused to listen... to their own fear - to their own doubts - to their own sense of right and wrong all of them just ran - right to the cloud of dust - (into the smoke and fire and ash) trying to do what they do... now, can you see ! that is the power of man - (to do the things we do) without stories or excuses or songs of praise, even as the world caves in - the strength of man stays true...

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