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Anecdote of Antiquity



Afghanistan.

The ancients say we first met when our goddesses—now foresworn—
rode above in a lion-drawn chariot, which now casts its shading convoy,
to see if hypnotic swords are beaten to peace.

Or witness plowshares melting to flashpoints.

—Maj. Jeffrey Alfier, U.S. Air Force
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