The Men Who Have No Name

In woods of dark

I lie;

heart beating against the pine needle floor. He is there, in sunlit place, marching up in haste,

up a sloping green meadow.

With the bend of my finger,

gliding metal hurries intensely for a private embrace.

Leaves rustle

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in autumn mourning.

Through the looking glass, I cannot see reproachful eyes,

Therein meadow, blood red poppies blow, A soft wind carries off a nameless soul.

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