HOW TO PREVENT NUCLEAR WAR

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"We have not inherited the earth from our ancestors; we have borrowed it from our descendants"
— a Native American proverb

Give to each president
each prime minister
each admiral
each general an acorn

Tell them to plant it
where they'll never see it again

Tell them not to
think about it

Rather, each morning
before thoughts crowd in
tell them to
feel it

To feel its roots
stretching into the earth

To feel it aching
toward the sun

To feel it breathing
into the wind

Tell them to feel it
swinging
with the laughter
of their children's children