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**athena**

isn't violence beautiful  
when you know how to look  
cherry blossoms dancing in the wind  
she teaches them how

men make marionette puppets  
strings tied to rifle barrels  
the puppets owe their mistress  
a song and a dance  
before they are cut

i am not the puppeteer  
but i did teach them  
i am not the puppeteer  
i don't need strings  
to make you dance

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