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## Buddha and the Last War of the Planet

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It was the last war on the planet,  
Participating powers unleashed  
All destructive forces,  
Intimidated and exploited the poorer countries  
To part with men and material  
To fuel the inferno,  
An airman from India  
Flying a sortie over the US,  
On the night of Buddhapoornima,  
His engine short of fuel,  
Dropped fiery bombs over a mighty city,  
Returned but fell into the Pacific  
Fuel exhausted;  
Undersea, ere breathing his last,  
He recalled how fascinated he was  
To see the Earth from up in the sky,  
How that led to go for a career as airman.

Did Buddha smile or weep  
At the fate of the airman,  
And, and, of course, of the planet?

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