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Silver Seeds and Rusty Weeds

J B Mulligan

The blades of spaceships filled the sky,
lunging like bayonets toward
the scattering stars. Below, the people
watched and prayed and waited to die.
The anthems rang, then faded away.

Far down the corridor of years,
a spaceship plunged through an atmosphere,
dragging behind it a robe of debris,
some of which burned, some of which fell
like seeds and spores across the planet.

People emerged from the spaceship singing.
Some of them hauled out garbage bags
and mounded them beside the ship.
High on a hill, dark watchers stood
loading their weapons, sharpening blades.

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