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### What a Shot

The other night we looked up and the moon was a box. Then dad appeared from behind the shed cradling his shotgun. He said: 'I did that!' We said: 'No way.' So he called us a bad name. 'You would not bat an eye if I was the U.S. government!'

Now the moon has right angles. Now the moon is a wrong peg. Now the moon resembles one of those watermelons from Japan. Now every night the moon begs us to have a little faith.

### Back from the War

How your lover  
returns

your gaze like  
they are taking aim.

How your lover falls  
on every step.

How at night, your lover  
guzzles the dead

butterflies from a rain boot.

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