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My voice crawls away,
escapes barricades of words
to a safety of silence.
It squeaks by,
bombarded
with questions and orders.
It waves its white flag
before echoes of conversations,
like gunshots in the air.
Hides behind
loaded expressions,
sneaking out
only as a whisper
before it disappears,
buried in trenches of insecurities.

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