



A Bang from Kobani

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BANG!

A gun blast—
a spray of brain matter
mere hours away
rose emotions
with the hot air balloons
rising over Cappadocia's suddenly stained sky.

This just in!
Kurdish teen—
The brains she blew out
through the back of her skull
to avoid capture in Kobani,
one country south of us in a Syrian civil war.

Bang!
Heroism
formed in a 25-year-old mind
while Southbound train whistles screeched in our ears—
or a sole rifle shot.
I begged, tried to convince—
Tommaso, wasn't in.

Visualized glory
onboard an Istanbul-bound bus—
my unwritten myth was as dead and distant as Ceylan Ozalp—
Her courage,
the shattered dream of my own
both pierced upon Cappadocia's spiraling spires.
bang!

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