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Grey Mist 2002
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The valley below my window,
in the morning is often full
of white, roiling mist.
A cloud is enthroned there.

This morning was different
and a thin grey layer
covered the valley's far side
as through smoke-tinted glass,
the white village was greyed.

Tonight the TV showed fighting
across a valley like mine.
Black sky backdrop;
Clear, bright, reddish-yellow
shooting and rockets
from the houses on one side
to the houses on the other.
And back.

The grey fog of fear,
covered one side of the valley
and the other.
The cloud was blackest
inbetween.