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{spoken in verse} For we were the war class.
The first class after Pearl Harbor.
We learned our A, B, Cs between war reports—
from Luzon and Luxemburg and Omaha Beach.
Our arithmetic was mixed with casualty reports.
And in reading class,
our teacher read to us about the Battle of the Bulge.
We joined the throngs on VE Day,
and finally, came the terrible, wonderful atomic bomb,
and then VJ Day,
and the war was over,
and we were in the fourth grade.