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Worse than any wizard  
from Oz throwing back the curtain  
on his pyrotechnics was the day  
God died

and became human:  
after his dynasty above  
the sun, Hirohito,  
divine wind, kamikaze,  
no more.

The broadcast  
went out with the static  
like any other voice,  
went out from the lungs.

And the believer  
cut back the branches  
of his garden  
until white river stones  
glowed with the same light  
as the exclusive moon.