The Last Today

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Tomorrow belonged to us, as promising as a sunrise.

Today fire poured down on us like God's wrath from the skies.

They came without warning and killed based on a guess.

Does anyone hear our mourning?

Are they deaf without The Press?

Blinded by tears we ran together through the dust we'd soon become. But then I felt cocooned in pressure. Where my legs should be was numb.

I looked up to see you in the sky and reached out to catch you. You had always wanted to fly among that calm golden blue.

Now we crawled in the dirt to share one last moment. Soon rubble will bury our hurt while they mock atonement. As I stare into your fading eyes and your heart slows with mine I hope one day our people rise in a land of peace and sunshine.