

# New Poetry from Jesse Frewerd: "Symphony"



OUR TARGETED HEADS / *image by Amalie Flynn*

Ballistic medleys project ambition, while  
dancing tones find their pitch. There is  
unexpected buoyancy in our youth. March,  
advance, train, drill, prepare, disseminate.  
It's the 4am ensemble, time to crescendo  
awake for guard duty. Report to post, front  
gate, alert and ready. Hours, minutes,  
seconds, tempo depends on the action.  
The symphony begins with an RPG flying  
over our targeted heads. Return fire.  
Bullets staccato the enemy location.  
A cappella commands over the comms.  
Write the counterpoint, execute. Threat  
neutralized, they retreated. Though my

heart is playing allegro, via adrenaline.  
Dynamics decrescendo the scene, bringing  
it to normalcy. I return to my life as it is,  
my new normal cadence amid syncopated  
pop-shots, RPG's, mortar rounds, and IED's.