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This was the boy's war out there on the fields amid the dark shadows of the ground and amid the white shadows of his spirit.

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O virtuous fight!
When right with right wars, who shall be most right!
Troilus and Cressida.

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