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The Haunted Dream

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[Upon reading Internet posts triggered by the upcoming 22nd anniversary in 2 days of the fall of Saigon & the RSVN]

Silent wings through the night, Stealing into our sleep with fright, Freighted with terrible weight, And memory of loss.

Bolt upright we awake.
The stuttering sounds inside still quake.
You hear the cries of those forsook,
And remember their loss.

Hands raised, arms outstretched. You can't span time and space To pull them up, take them in, And their loss is your loss.

> "A thousand tears falling", So wrote Yung Krall. Their flow pursues us still, Till forgiveness for failure Is allowed to fill the loss.

> > ~Gerald A. Ney~