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A Villanelle

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“To be or not to be: that is the question:

Whether 'tis nobler in the mind . . . to die . . .”

Hamlet

Islamic boys are too honed to do well—
they dream *kill infidels* even in play.
Infidels say they are going to hell.

Though killers laugh dread, faint smiles do not spell
glee, for they fight fear as faith stoops to pray.
Islamic boys are too honed to do well.

Freedom is easy for good men to sell,
but slavery warps the mind to obey.
Infidels say they are going to hell.

The prayer call of clerics makes their heads swell—
it knuckles their hearts, invites no leeway.
Islamic boys are too honed to do well.

The promise of bliss brings terror pell-mell—
stirs doubting blood downward to the foray.
Infidels say they are going to hell.

A bomb on the belt blasts a last farewell;
the horn of salvation's moot in the fray.
Islamic boys are too honed to do well.
Infidels say they are going to hell.

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