

EIGHT A-BOMB HAIKU

The desert glowed
brighter than a thousand suns –
everything changed

Japan was clearly
defeated ... still the A-bombs
found their targets

The A-bombs killed
and maimed massively –
mostly civilians

Hiroshima –
city of a thousand cranes
calls out for peace

Nagasaki –
may you be the last victim
of an A-bomb attack

For every *hibakusha*
many must obey, many
must remain silent

Those first A-bombs –
small by today's measure
of insanity

The mournful sounds
of the *shakuhachi*
take one's breath away

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