Peace Is Possible

conflict’s viral load
burdens our covid-struck land
mediation’s role?

Hungary’s staunch corps
peace-makers till rock-strewn fields
undaunted by drought

change enkindles fear
inequality breeds hate
hardship exhausts hope

*communication*
vital ingredient in
answer’s recipe

we mediators
are called to share our insight:

*peace is possible*

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