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They Shot at Aragon

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C'est l'histoire d'une balle qui claque contre la pierre de l'escalier de la Butte du Lion de Waterloo. Un coup de fusil dont on ne sait pas qui est l'auteur. Ni s'il visait vraiment sa cible. Louis Aragon.

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