

**As We Are Told**

he dropped fiery death  
on Japan's powerless pawns,  
as Truman ordered

he showered vile gas  
on trainloads of marked scapegoats,  
as the Fuhrer wished

he launched cruise missiles  
striking hospitals and schools,  
as Putin desired

Members cast floor votes  
to rescind democracy,  
as Trump demanded

whether we believe  
our duties serve greater good,  
we do as we're told



Photo: 29 September 2022, Smithsonian Museum, Chantilly, Virginia  
The Enola Gay delivered "Little Boy" to Hiroshima, 6 August 1945.

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