



Context of A Tragic Irony

By Marcus Lander (March 2022)

I wrote this poem against the backdrop of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, a conflict that touched me deeply, both for the undeniable human tragedy of the conflict, the devastating impact its repercussions will have on so many countries around the world, especially those who are already poor and struggling, but also on a very personal level, blessed as I am to have many great Russian and Ukrainian friends. I have followed the developing situation closely and I could not fail to be impressed by the stark ironies and paradoxes at play here, hence my attempt to encapsulate them in a poem.