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The AEC is my shepherd; I shall not live.

It maketh me to lie down in radiant pastures; it leadeth me beside deathly waters.

It destroyeth my bones; it leadeth me in the path of fright-fulness, for its name's sake.

Yet, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will hear no evil; for thou art with me; thy bomb and thy SAC, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a fable before me hi the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest thy words with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely, strontium and fallout shall follow me all the days of . my life; and I will dwell in the house of the AEC —but hardly forever.