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*they
ask
why
haiku
I say
why
not
there
has
always
been
spring*

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I



“after the concert...”

after the concert
a symphony
of ringtones

“after the music...”

after the music
silence is still
catching up

“always cheerful...”

always cheerful
bank manager
another loan

“another death...”

another death
a dried flower
on a grave

“another year...”

another year
they call it
new

“art & craft...”

art & craft
the line
in a poem
gets fixed

“ **ashes...**”

ashes
to the wind
to be
everywhere

“at the end...”

at the end
at peace
at last

“at the start...”

at the start
 sorrow
at the end
 regret
floating world



“at a station...”

at a station
a lone train
– yet full

“autumn...”

autumn
 things
that come
 to mind

“back from...”

back from
the burnt
the ashes

“ **between...**”

between
then and now
always

“between trains...”

between trains
neither has
arrived yet

“birthday...”

birthday
present
in email

“blackout...”

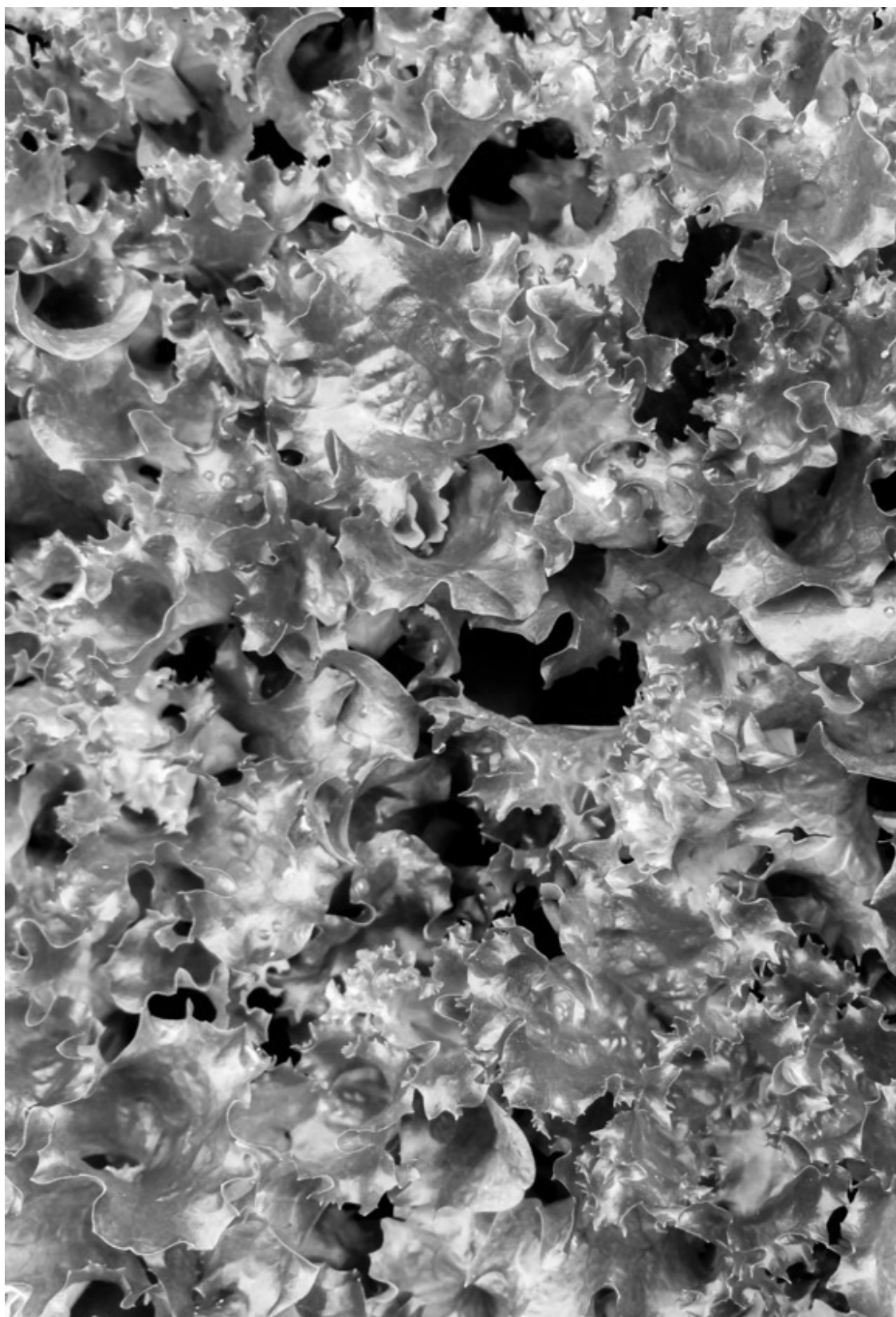
blackout
 only
sounds

“bookstore...”

bookstore
one book
warm to
the touch

“border...”

border
 nothing
but the sign



“burning history...”

burning history
newspapers
in a fireplace

“ **bus drives on...**”

bus drives on
another afternoon
left in the past

“but a gap...”

but a gap
between
dreams
yet huge

“calendar...”

calendar
thinning
as days
add up

“a calendar...”

a calendar
all the days
that might
never come

“candlelight...”

candlelight
and flowers
both smell
over-sweet

“cat in the mirror...”

cat in the mirror
calm knowing
it is still there

“childhood...”

childhood
fragments
collectibles
on eBay

“choices...”

choices
nowhere
to go but
somewhere



“city life...”

city life
 early bus
late passengers

“the clock ticking...”

the clock ticking
the sunrise away
what if it stopped

“cold fireplace...”

cold fireplace
in the ashes
idea for a poem

“computer crash...”

computer crash
without a sound
on its part

“connecting cities...”

connecting cities
the road cuts
the forest in half

“counting...”

counting
raindrops
so many
ways to
be wrong

“a crack...”

a crack
in the wall
closed by
cobweb

“ **crossroads...**”

crossroads
yet another way
to somewhere else

“crumpled...”

crumpled
pillow
remains
of a dream



“curious...”

curious
 made-up
 stories
mostly set
in the past

“dark...”

dark
and darker
with lights on

“day and dream...”

day and dream
in-between
something else

“dead...”

dead
fresh
flowers

“deadline done...”

deadline done
breaking dawn
breaking down

“different...”

different
in twilight
same poem

“different books...”

different books
not so different
on a bookshelf

“discarded...”

discarded
gift-wraps
no longer
festive

“ **a distant...**”

a distant
memory
up close
an old
photograph



“dog days...”

dog days
all the same
for the dogs

“dried flower...”

dried flower
in a book
untold story

“ **a duet...**”

a duet
inside
the piano
outside
the rain

“each stone...”

each stone
with a name
graveyard

“the edge...”

the edge
of the map
the road
goes on

“endless rooftops...”

endless rooftops
so many yet
only one home

“eulogy...”

eulogy
 heartfelt
 words
that have
to be said

“eyes...”

eyes
closed
things
seem
closer

“falling dusk...”

falling dusk
fading clock
keeps ticking
nonetheless



“ **familiar...**”

familiar
scent
its absence
clearer
each time

“family...”

family
funeral
reunion

“family album...”

family album
blank pages
in the middle

“fed by...”

fed by
poems
the fire

“finally...”

finally
enough
moonlight
to make
a haiku

“first up...”

first up
then old
growing

“ **flying...**”

flying
first class
outside
same view

“ **freight train...**”

freight train
losing the count
of the carriages

“ **full..**”

full
of ideas
trash bin



“game of chess...”

game of chess
side by side
the victorious
the vanquished

“Grandpa’s...”

Grandpa’s
photographs
strangers
everyone

“ **graveyard...**”

graveyard
in a book
an old album

“growing older...”

growing older
the days seem
shorter

“guiding light...”

guiding light
a cigarette tip
in the dark

“haiku...”

haiku
full-time
lockdown

“haiku manual...”

haiku manual
300+ pages
about 3 lines

“hard to tell...”

hard to tell
them apart
this world
reflection
in a mirror

“hard words...”

hard words
soft paper
makes them
no less hard



“ **heavy mist...**”

heavy mist
blurred edges
blurred words

“hospital...”

hospital
outside
the life

“in a crowd...”

in a crowd
lingering
echoes
of glances

“in a few...”

in a few
strokes
silence

“in a library...”

in a library
the silence
of voices

“in the park...”

in the park
a bench that is
always vacant
is occupied

“in the space...”

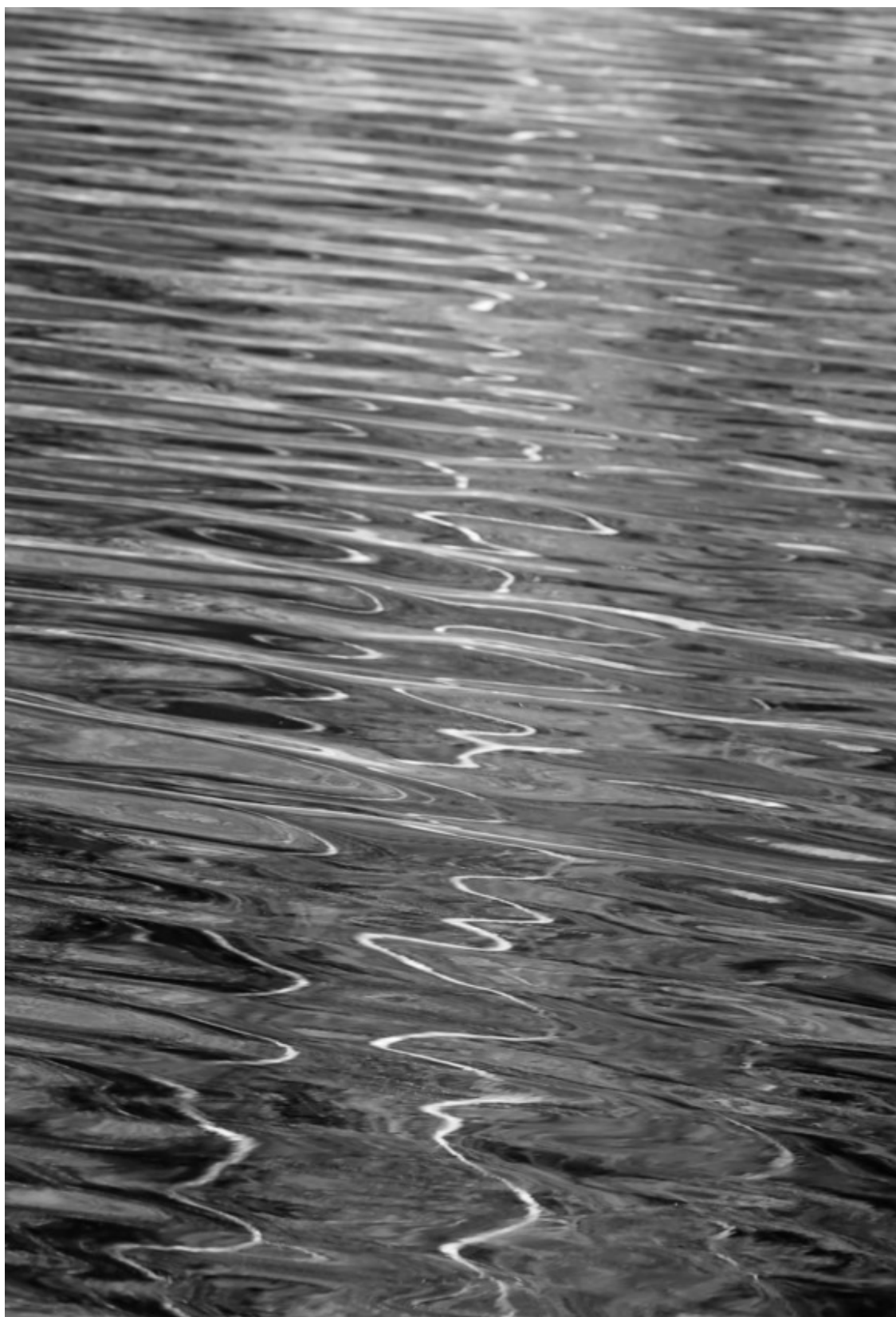
in the space
between words
more words

“insomnia...”

insomnia
too slow
too soon

“just taking...”

just taking
the edge off
another glass



“leaving behind...”

leaving behind
or letting go
difference
exaggerated

“loneliness...”

loneliness
when you talk
to yourself
when you don't
listen

“lost...”

lost
in a park
in thoughts

“loud music...”

loud music
less silence
within

“a love...”

a love
letter
a lovely
paper
crane

“melting the ice...”

melting the ice
spring thaw
peace talks

“mid-life crisis...”

mid-life crisis
why not call it
half-life?

“a minute of silence...”

a minute of silence
but really about
forty-two seconds

“modern art gallery...”

modern art gallery
evacuation plan
rather ancient



“a moment...”

a moment
an infinity
in a few lines

“morning bus...”

morning bus
uneven pace
of the streets

“morning chill...”

morning chill
street musician
warms up

“never...”

never
enough
time to do
nothing

“new...”

new
home
old
smells

“new teeth...”

new teeth
quite a bite
dentist's bill

“ **news again...**”

news again
but there's also
spring

“ **night bus...**”

night bus
looking outside
seeing oneself

“night sky...”

night sky
on tiptoes
better to see



“ **nighttime...**”

nighttime
from the window
still inside

“no words...”

no words
to say of it
silence

“odd physics...”

odd physics
the darker
the louder

“ **old grave...**”

old grave
fresh flowers
made of plastic

“old painting...”

old painting
not enough
craquelures

“old photos...”

old photos
belonging
to me now
someone's
memories

“optimistic...”

optimistic
worse than
yesterday
better than
tomorrow

“ **order...**”

order
each object
randomly
in its place

“page after page...”

page after page
the time goes
at book's pace



“paradox...”

paradox
 before
the next
 time
another

“passage of time...”

passage of time
fewer people
that never visit

“ **the pathways...**”

the pathways
we never take
where they lead
when we go back

“ **paused...**”

paused
to check
the time
and missed
the train

“peace conference...”

peace conference
everyone looking
for *casus belli*

“peaceful summer...”

peaceful summer
despite the war
somewhere

“a petal...”

a petal
in a cup
an idea

“a progress...”

a progress
each step
more sure
of less

“quite telling...”

quite telling
birthday gift
still unwrapped
next birthday



“rainstorm...”

rainstorm
music off
to listen

“ **rainy day...**”

rainy day
drought news
from somewhere

“ **reasons...**”

reasons
to leave it
reasons
to keep it
anything

“road gridlock...”

road gridlock
our thoughts
and the traffic

“same route...”

same route
yesterday
through
today's
streets

“self-education...”

self-education
to the museum
to make selfies

“a short bio...”

a short bio
a hyphen
between dates

“snowstorm...”

snowstorm
airport full
lockdown

“so many...”

so many
 people
so much
 solitude



“some hopes...”

some hopes
not unfounded
sunrise again

“somehow...”

somehow
more pretty
girls around
summer

“sometimes...”

sometimes
nothing is
all there is

“spontaneity...”

spontaneity
haiku moment
revised later

“spring at last...”

spring at last
hospital room
still white

“stardust...”

stardust
on paper
a poem

“ **still...**”

still
wet
rainstorm
watercolor

“still forward...”

still forward
 the clock
in the mirror

“stillness...”

stillness
not quite
right with
no sounds
at all



“strangers...”

strangers
on a train
no secrets

“street noise...”

street noise
louder when
the light is off

“streetlamps...”

streetlamps
halos above
our heads

“subway...”

subway
the trains
and violin

“suggestive...”

suggestive
blank page
blank stare

“sumi-e painting...”

sumi-e painting
hidden colors within
black and white

“ **sundial...**”

sundial
does it work
for the moon?

“ **sunrise...**”

sunrise
a wallpaper
on a screen

“supermarket...”

supermarket
home-made
food discount



“ **surely...**”

surely
an oxymoron
silent
loudspeakers

“symbiosis...”

symbiosis
a live cat
a plastic
mouse

“symmetry...”

symmetry
no one gets
what one
would give

“teacup empty...”

teacup empty
but for the tea
late evening

“ **team work...**”

team work
arguing about
collaboration

“tempting...”

tempting
 a view
from above
 a long
way down

“things done...”

things done
time left
for regret

“the time...”

the time
it takes
to earn
luxury
watch

“time being...”

time being
all the time

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