

Life Without a Cellphone

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neat little
neanderthal rebel
i am
i am
devolutionary
i might as well be

you see, this,
is my advance directive .
see me
they see me
no phone
no,
buried!
a euthanasian mystery

am i?
i am
the amish, the puritans
the convent of the misinformed-
i am chaste.
chaste as a blue screen,
in my solitary pool,
void of liquid crystal

and questions, now,
i brace
brace
what do you mean
pause
pause
pause
emergen-say
infinite tone rise to
zero one zero zero one.

it is, an

emergen-see!

oh, dear.

the emergent fear.

emergent emerges emerged

a string, of circles, rings,

dashes standing on its head

buy some soda

we're out of milk

call it

call it

if it is, then

call it.

nine

one

one.

what's so hard to understand?

oh yes, oh yes,

an emergen-see.

here, we see Big Brother-

the indispensably dispensable dispensed

in a warm grave

first-hand, real-time, live-stream

no delay

they forget the time of death

out of battery, they forget.

they interrupt

interrupt me the calm of the dead.

people are people.

homo sapiens

people, or a

different species, now-

a droid

now,

a plan

they morph so ugly
sleeker and uglier with
no hooks, no nooks
but a flick on the calendar app
the voice-tone of a siren
to tell you

i will be late
for dinner

backspace backspace backspace
back
space
i will not make it
space
sorry
send it, it floats, floats,

floats

somewhere between you and me
as i stand
antennae-less

not see
i
not see
your eyes
downcast on your screen
filled with
horror
horror

an error four oh four