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For everyone we lost

and everything we learned

in the strangest year of our lives – 2020

- R & G

BREATH ONE



And I'm sitting here wondering why  
my mother won't change the channel

and why the news won't

change the story



and why the story won't

change into something new





instead of the every-hour rerun

about how we won't change the world

or the way we treat the world



or the way we treat each other

and my brother

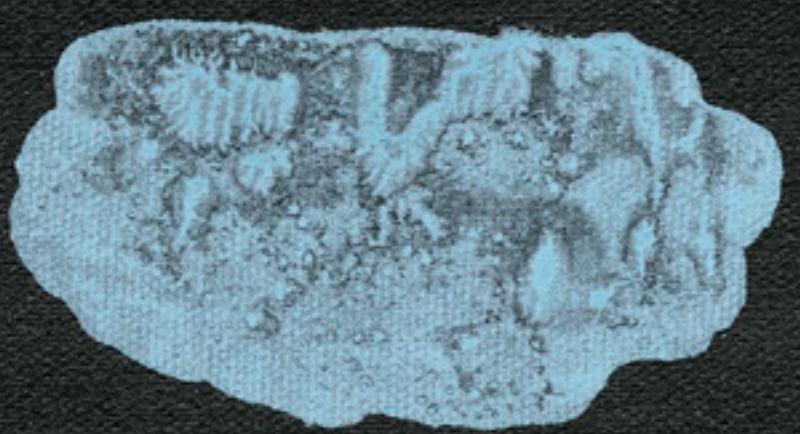


won't look up from his video game



even when I put my hand over the screen

THE MOTHER WAS A STRANGE FISH  
WITH BIG EYES - AND IT SWUNG AS  
A TAIL UP AND DOWN.  
IT SWUNG.



even when I put my hands on his

even when I turn my elbow into a fist  
and punch the bendy big-knuckle  
into his ribs

to try to knock his heart awake





and don't even look up

