

Ivena

Drivers out on the bridge  
 Slowing down as they go through a lane shift  
 Wires snap  
 Concrete gives  
 Metal twisting and  
 Everything tumblingAt the end of the work day  
 Stuck in traffic don't feel when the road sways  
 Underneath  
 Concrete gives  
 Metal twisting and  
 Everything tumblingTo their partners and kids  
 Don't suspect anything till the bridge splits  
 Wires snap  
 Concrete gives  
 Metal twisting and  
 Everything tumbling  
 DownWhere I sat I saw brake lights flash  
 And I pictured them: all the people, their faces in free fall, the water beneath  
 I pushed my palms against the table hard to see if it hurt  
 Were it glass would I have shattered it?  
 Could I battle every impulse to panic and then win  
 Swim out through the metal twisting upward like a sculpture  
 Or some terrible beast?People trapped in their cars  
 Put both feet on the glass and then kick hard  
 Water pours in  
 Seatbelts twist  
 River flowing and  
 Everything going downPeople under the water line  
 Workers sift through the wreckage of it find  
 Seatbelts stuck  
 Water fills up  
 River flowing and  
 Everything going downstreamOn the dining room wall I watched it  
 Play in the reflection of the television  
 The reversal in the mirror hung I could see it all  
 How the dust clouds gather color as they billow out  
 Shades change shifting in the night  
 From the lights atop an ambulance  
 Like a firework's flash then that otherworldly glow

In the smoke thrown in the aftermath blows  
Almost frozen for a moment there  
I could see it allEvery  
Dust cloud  
Shattered glass  
Billow out  
On the TV  
Wires snap and the  
Concrete gives  
Metal twists up and onward  
I can see it all  
Every  
Dust cloud  
Shattered glass  
Billow out  
On the TV  
Wires snap and the  
Concrete gives in  
Metal twists up and onward I watch  
And I can see it allAll the wreckage  
All the cars piled  
In the river and  
The rail yard  
Metal twists  
Wires snap  
Concrete blocks split  
Dangle from tie rods  
And metal twists up  
Wires sway  
When a breeze blows  
In the distant  
Sirens glow  
I can see it all  
Where they look for survivors  
Searchlights float  
Change the color of smoke clouds  
And shadows still fall  
People under the water  
People trapped in their cars kick and try to get out  
People still with their seat belts on  
Pets they had in the back and  
Car seatsAnd I watch it on TV lying down here  
On the floor in the dining room reversed in the mirror  
Where I know I'm not dreaming now  
But I know I've been sleeping

I just don't know since when  
I only know that it's light outside  
I only know that the rent is still late  
When did they find out the concrete gave?  
When did they learn that the wires snapped?

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