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Cauto

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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