

# Revenge of the Spectral Tiger

## Brandon Boyd

Here in our gilded cage  
we turn on the news and are entertained.

We are an army of  
semi-informed, chemically maimed  
paper tigers. That's  
only the cusp, only the crown.  
This isn't the only way down.

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Here in our gilded cage  
we're infantilized continuously.

A parent who sows a seed  
then won't let it grow into a tree.

A spectral tiger is born  
with beautiful stripes and porcelain teeth  
and the ghost of the hunt underneath.

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