## **Shirtsleeves**

## **The Receiving End of Sirens**

words fail her

why bother trying to pass off your offense as a good defense? he says,

"please don't treat me like a lawyer sweetie. . . . . .

there will be time for shouting matches."so he writes - last option.

keeps him cornered in.

the need for more stays pressing,

but he can't force the pen.

for every blot of ink a word is lost. . .pierced skin/new melody

and if these lines stay blank. . . they'll lead to no where she starves for attention.

he has hungry mouths to feed.

dietary habits seen [to her]

as born of apathy.

he starves for attention.

she has hungry mouths to feed.

emaciated, both will dream

of times they felt less empty.under his breath:

"like guests and presidents,

my words were not welcome where they could not stay."

their arguments plotted concentric circles

ending up bulls-eyes over his ribcage.she starves for attention.

he has hungry mouths to feed.

dietary habits seen [to him]

as born of apathy.

she starves for attention.

he has hungry mouths to feed.

emaciated, both will dream

of times they felt less empty.i need to believe in these dripping organs sutured to my sleeves.

I want to scream with every dream [out loud] you'd never dare to breath.

two-four.two-four. i can't breathe.

two-four two-four. (i cannot breathe.) she starves for attention.

he has hungry mouths to feed.

dietary habits seen [to her]

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