12/26

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one of her babies is rotting in the sun
and the other one was found drowned in the ocean
her mom and dad are in their van crushed and bloated
and her husband was thrown from his fishing boat
so please give me a break from all your complaining
about who was mean to you and how your stepdad is a pain
- i care, i swear, but i just can't take it, not today
all i can think about are tsunamis and earthquakes
everything she's ever known is gone, gone, gone
everyone she's ever loved is gone, gone, gone
the only reason she's alive is
she grabbed a palm frond and held on
and held on
you can call me crazy but it seems to me we could
have sent more than we spend in one day killing iraqis
to help the hundreds of thousands
who are injured and diseased
and hungry and homeless and without families
i'm appalled by our government's initial reaction
and the fact that they asked for a verbal retraction
from the folks who called them stingy
they're just covering their assets
well, they thank their greedy god for wiping out the lower class

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and her husband was thrown from his fishing boat
we'd have 12/26 tattooed across our foreheads
if something this atrocious happened on our coast instead
well, a tragedy's a tragedy no matter where it happens
close your eyes really tight and try to imagine
that everything you've ever known is gone
and everyone you've ever loved is gone

and the only reason you're alive is you were lucky
and you were strong enough to hold on
while you watched your family die
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