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a world encompassed by a machine
 compressed to fit a 16" screen
brittney's break-
down beyoncé's couture gown
part two of the clintons' double-
 team scheme
china's model
anti-free speech regime

everything flattened
a pat pancake parody of the real
 life that pays
for it all

where dust attaches to every surface
 like critiques of obama's pastor's patriotism

where cats scatter
a grainy skirt of litter around their shit-filled box

 a tower
of dirty dinner plates
and cereal bowls
 builds
to such divine proportions
the next one in the kitchen's liable
to start speaking
 in tongues

with a single click a credit card funds one
 minute of an anti-war
protest fight
 national insecurity from a secure site

get on the 2/3 at fourteenth street
 bookmark this station
for a convenient return scuttle
through the underground like a mouse

from one desktop to another
with only an ipod to keep you
from the company of strangers

trapped between an audacious amateur rapper
and waves of intimidated
white anger
the black girl flips
kandinsky-like
between opacity's night and incandescent day

a cell
phone goes off
its input a woman's tremulous wailing
please please please to baseless beats
this same track over and over

thank god it's a recording think *this is*
this is
a recording