




## If They Summon You

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Excuse yourself  
Before the trial commences  
And your bias is laid bare  
And your grief demands  
The wrong audience

For you finally  
Saw him  
As more than the composite  
Of his diseased parts

At some messy moment  
Nestled neatly between

The medical jargon  
Pouring, spilling, leaking  
Drowning  
The passengers  
It once carried  
Yet kept afloat  
With built-in life vests

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And

The sluggish hum  
Which you can still hear  
With your eyes closed  
(That is, in your sleep)  
As that faithful monitor  
Betrayed the unspoken

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