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## Terminal

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After such knowledge, what forgiveness?

— T. S. Eliot

I can't make the pain go away  
make the cells  
stay where they should  
do what they should—  
shape life, not end it

I can't make the daylight linger  
not even an hour  
not even a minute

I can't even remember  
the way I should  
like a camera  
eyes open wide  
heart open wide  
without the word *me*  
in the frame

me without you  
me helpless and hopeless

It's the same  
with the name they gave  
to what you have  
as if the naming matters  
as if when you lie down  
and close your eyes  
the knowing will make  
it more bearable

for the both of us

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