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How can I explain to my mother
    that solitude is unique too?

how can I explain to my brother
    this indifference?

how can I create any meaning
    while my words are being pureed for the next man’s dinner?

how can I fathom anything
    in these scrabble-filled chronicles?

Well,
    here’s a mockery of my meaningful life:
    delighted, I keep eye contact with whoever’s running towards
    my deliberately escaping—
        spaceship.