

the radical possibilities of friendship

it feels good to yell
FUCK YOU MOM AND DAD
when the caller announces "I-EIGHTEEN"
at bingo at the knockout

sometimes i don't even play my board
i just like the callbacks and the crowd
it's like religion
but better

everywhere we go we hug each other
hello
and
goodbye

food in tupperware and do you want a mug
there's some peppermint tea

this belief in abundance and
the resulting abundance

or, this abundance and we don't even think about it

a google search for "the radical possibilities of friendship"
yields only six results
foucault foucault foucault foucault foucault
and lindsey boldt on dana ward

if i put this poem on the internet
it's seven

but the internet is fake and the peppermint
tea is real

and voices together yelling
wake up something
in our hearts
and there's honey

on the shelf above the sink

welcome to here

it's one of those apartments
with a too-big living room
with black leather couches
cold to the touch
i started this poem cycle seven days late
no eight

i have never felt so lost
the word unmoored floats up
like a boat in the night
the night is made of time

i feel about as bewildered, inept, and indifferent
as an actual dog
left to mind a convenience store
while the owner is away

it's too dark to see but i listen
for a howl
or a tugboat moan
and in the dark water
i see flashes
of your ex relationships
silver like swift fish
in the moonlight

you don't seem to mind
so why should i

it's thursday
and i'm waiting for your text
indifferent
as that dog behind the counter

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i came to see you in chicago
we held hands out of habit
we smoked pot but it wasn't good pot
we took our clothes off but it wasn't the same

every beer gave me a headache
every bar was playing america's funniest home videos

people fall in water
get scared by surprises

fall over benches
fall over tables

human pyramids collapse
kiddie pools leak

people throw things
but they throw them too hard

there are over 500 episodes of america's funniest home videos
i took the train to the airport alone