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my lip gloss froze off
outside the airport
on a hard bench
beside a dingy Santa
i searched every face

what are you?
animated soft tissue
shifting neuropeptides
a social pyromaniac
a plate spinner

and it's smoky around you
i can hardly breathe

i watched your eyes go dark
i saw them look blank
i wasn't there
i saw it in pictures
after the fact

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