

THE BEST AVAILABLE EVIDENCE

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news seemed at the time to be breaking, breaking, broken
but then in the empty and furious storm of words
i heard two doctors laugh because they couldn't cry
one said the taste of morning cofffee on his tongue
its bittersweet smell, this was his rapid test of the day
and i was not willing to spoil my morning or my coffee
so when the fear welled up i'd chew a sweet & sour can-
dy, place a bottle of perfume next to my nose and think
this is my rapid this is my i'm good, i'm good, i'm good