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Short Circuit

Hyperventilations

Poems by Dylan Williams



TO CREATE THESE THREE PIECES DYLAN ENTERED THE WORD 'BREATHING' INTO A PUBLIC-ACCESS CORPUS COMPRISED OF NEWS ARTICLES FROM THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING WORLD ([HTTPS://CORPUS.BYU.EDU/NOW/](https://corpus.byu.edu/now/)). Language was then selected from the lines surrounding the most recent utterances of 'breathing' and pieced together to form the inflections of consciousness, anxiety and foreboding that you see here. The hyperventilation of the sleeping word:

if talking to someone doesn't work,

if journaling doesn't work,

if calling the therapist doesn't work, then

for certain work

a tripod is necessary.

For living, subjects certainly help

especially if the subject is very slowly,

bleeding

the gas for years caused her to develop

mausoleums of text

this is what awaits

call Ontario Poison Control immediately at

1 – 800 – 268 – 9017

if they are having difficulty

or are unconscious

call the World Health Organization say

90 percent of humanity is unsafe air.

Still confusion

taking mouthful of

reminder miner

her incredible diaphragmatic disorder I have

common significant in unresponsive state

found dead on the rose

a true-believers crypto

patriots,

misteps

in stories

mobbed

grazing is our art form
our best tool for neglected land.
Hunt clenched his fists and
began protest loudly; also began
machines to help us sleep
a full range of movements
(whole-body movements,
limb movements)
Hunt, a stealth microbe infected
people
by coughing fine
aerosolized particles,
by simply sitting there.
is it normal to bleed after?

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