

Statistics Concerning Aquatic Asphyxiation
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This is a fact:

10 people die from drowning each day.

Think about that for a moment:

today maybe

just now, just now, just now -

An infant in the kitchen sink bath,

slain by a ringing phone distraction.

arrival and departure on this reeling rock tragically coincide.

Or a day drunk skinny dipper,

Bravado and tipple smoldering in his veins

undone, untethered to this plane by the relentless dredge of a push pull tide.

Or a newly made husband,

His showboating swagger swallowed in a honeymoon sea,

Crossing the great divide languid in the arms of his bride

And you continue your ride-

Another reeling lap around the sun.

Your life no more urgent;

Each breath, just a breath, just a breath, just a breath

Maybe knowing, but not aware,

there are 7 more statistics on their way

And that

Is just today-

just today-

Just today-