

We Digress

We went

to dinners

with our lovers

and we talked

on our cell phones

to our colleagues

even though

we did not like them

but we talked

to make our money

to buy gadgets

that we needed

but did not need

but that drove

our economy

that kept us

in our jobs

we came to hate

but that paid

our health insurance

that paid

for our cures

for our ailments

that we got

from our going

to our jobs

that wore us out

that paid us

to pay our mortgages

for our houses

just for us

to come home to

and then leave from

and then go back to

from our jobs

that we kept

to buy our cars

we loved to drive

and sit in traffic

that we hated

but we drove

to the jobs

we tried to leave

but which paid

for the tab

for our dinners

we did not finish

with our lovers

we did not talk to

on vacations

that we went to

to unwind

from the jobs

we longed to leave

to sit in houses

we longed to leave

for vacation homes

that we left

for outings

that we left

for phone calls

that we ended

to attend

charity dinners

to save our ozone

and the children

in the wars zones

we destroyed

with our battles

for our gas

for our cars

that we drove

because we loved them

that we bought

because we loved them

and stayed inside them

when we were frightened

of the people

who were out there

who were homeless

when it was clear

we did not want them

as our neighbors

when it was clear

that they were

the kind of people

we did not want

to brush up against

to stand next to

in our lives

when it was clear

they were the ones

we ran away from

to the suburbs

that we drove from

to the cities

that we went to

for the jobs

that we left

when we went

to vacations

to the places

where the people

did not like us

because we were

so U.S. A.

and so we cried

like little children

when our soldiers

were returned

back to our arms

or to their graves

in little pieces

after fighting

for our oil

for our gas

for our cars

so we could drive

in our cars

to our bars

and movie theaters

in our malls

with air conditioning

to escape

from the heat

to escape

from our lives

to escape

from ourselves

to escape

the hot summers

that we got

from our driving

in our cars

from our suburbs

to our jobs.