

Selfies

The beautiful bodies painstakingly trained
to be objects of admiration
are taking photos of themselves on the beach

any one of them could be
the handsome man smiling with his love
in that Instagram he sent
from the Bataclan before
he became an hour later one of many bloodied bodies
people clambered over to escape

the Great Flaring Forth is
how some name the new story of the
Universe and its Big Bang birth
but now it's our story
as we flare up wildly
flinging fear
that disinters our lives into
terrors no longer remote
from those on the beach
posing in their perfection.

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