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She wore an American flag for a t-shirt  
her name was Sarah  
and I saw her as a fictions character in a novel  
    by King or Chricton  
too many layers and thoughts  
too much description  
she seemed to glow with the pride of her country  
and I saw no reason why at the time

days ago a plane crashed into the world  
    trade center  
and I worked at making quality coffee  
and as thousands watched another fly sideways  
    into its sister  
I frothed a mocha

these things have a way of making you paranoid  
walking to the car  
looking to the sky  
thinking your house has the shadow of a 747  
on it

we can all pray right?

as I read the morning newspaper  
the word trade center collapsed  
and as I threw away the grinds of latte's past  
the twin did the same

and a thousand people died  
and I balanced my checkbook  
and I wanted to drive my new car

a smooth black '99 Volkswagon Beetle with  
tinted windows and a 6 cd changer in  
the back

commodities  
make the world  
go round

All day

I wanted to go home  
and by the time I did  
three buildings were gone

She asked me for an American flag  
her eyes were green -and-  
I told her to take off her shirt  
she reminded of the kind of girl you would take  
home to mother and then leave her there  
if you like her so much  
keep her mom  
please  
she seemed to know nothing of what life really  
was  
and I wanted to tell her everything

days ago the president spoke for a third time  
and I stood in the hallway of my college with  
my peers  
and I listened to every word  
and I looked at their faces

we are pale in the comparison of real life  
we are sad in the realism of the truths inside  
we are listening  
    and waiting  
                    and worrying

what will become of it

as she left she said "God Bless"

I told her

sometimes it rains  
and that means God's crying

it's probably something you did

and she was gone

Days ago the twin world trade centers fell to  
the ground  
and I never really saw it  
and I never really knew

and now it's time to finally let it sink in

to let it wear me down

till I'm nothing