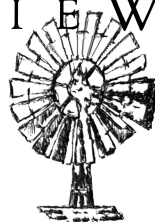


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Summer Thunderstorm

By Richard Dinges Jr.

A cold pierce, bolts
crack sky's lids,
a brief glimpse
at eternity
through waves of heat,
a countenance that
blinded those who
dared peer into
god's eyes. A grumble
follows, a grumpy
response to my
lack of respect,
a yawn at what
I should fear, no
longer a child
who cowers under
unknown's demands.