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Playing With My Head. Photography. Linnea Sardina

Give and Forget

Are there more starving
than the stars?
At night
the sick child's heart
runs down
like a clock unwound;
in the morn
Aurora weeps
on a crooked elbow.

More starving
it seems
more empty bellies
than the teeming
galaxies of space,
than the waves in the sea;
infinity hardly holds them.

Our foolish hearts melt
like ice
in the sunlight
before pictures of sticks
and stones,
travails
with an ex-wife,
the dead puppy.

But there, in
the wastelands of
Afric and Ind,
Rio and Lisbon,
where the Tagus,
good as gold,
is a fancy name
for nothing;

there, in odds and ends,
in nooks and crannies,
in darkness,

they go on starving.

- *Jack D. Harvey*

Climate Change. Photography. Kendall Molina

