

## **MAKE PEACE WITH INFINITY**

The arresting development  
of the day, unseen in the eye  
of a hurricane, damn near  
precluded remembering  
the imploding towers  
the falling plane  
the penetration of a pentagon  
the television's cementing  
disbelief.

And now this pandemic  
for fresh remembering.

Auden got something right  
about the ordinary, the hubris,  
the pathos of man's belief  
in immunity or absolute havens.

Coronavirus,  
our crown of pain,  
our lessons regarding  
what is normal in a universe.

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