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With my lids shut, lashes oiled with sleep and urges,
My hands got caught in the spokes of unstoppable trains:
Faltering, threatening sages.
Yes, despite my whale blubbering,
my visual lubrication,
The screech and the grinding of literary gears.
The metallic sparks,
my fathomless visions
that flew into unopened, neonate eyes
(which to no one's surprise,
were scorched and welded
to make a neutral, natural face).

Oh the palm-burning ache of train wrecks and natural disasters—
They could not pry me open as you have over and over and over, 2010.

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