

## SUFFER THIS PERFECT STORM

Wiping down cleaning up  
old selves surface  
suffering  
shifting chameleon  
tasting pressing uncharted  
limits beyond delineation  
through paint alone.

Is that illegitimate  
does it diminish or enhance  
through transcendent  
tactile construct  
delights of eye  
poseur voyeur or just  
the power of art.

Suffer in solidarity  
what a novel idea  
as if we have any choice  
regarding sufferance  
slipping through  
numbed fingers suffer  
this perfect storm.

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