

The Leap To When

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To undo all drinking when a hang
over has passed the way leap year
corrects some suns

to rethink my cigarettes
when your lungs only cough up our
debts of last month the phlegm loosens
in spring

to be made aware that
it's not self-evident when your bills
quack the economists raise fees

to pay

dues to the calendar year when a
 day breaks in quartertime the stars account
 for halftone

to feel the absence when
April begins the homegrown buds in time
for tax evasion

to dig a hole
in a pocket when some drugs in
one stomach change wallets the tab's
on the tongue

to wash our throats
on the rocks when the extra day
dries when the balance is February

