

Seriously?

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Did you really think you were going to
cure cancer with that poem?
Did you think you were going to capture
the zeitgeist of an era
with that essay?
Please, stop thinking.

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There is a tattered piece of tape
peeling off the box of an old movie projector
I see my future
in the grimy grit of crust
left underneath the dried up outline of adhesive
and I need
another cup of tea

