

# Augmented

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The operations of the universe  
will kill us-- one by one,  
in the most common scenario;

in clusters, often;  
or all at once  
as it has proved it can

whenever possibilities align  
in catastrophic ways.  
Most know this in a way

that's kept apart  
from the marrow and intestines  
in the languages the skull contains.

It is our gift-- the knowing  
without knowing--  
that allows us transport,

ears and eyes augmented,  
through the dangerous  
seas of stars.

