

# Cardiovascular

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What's wrong with the world  
is that so many circumstances

squeeze the heart so hard  
that you should die but don't.

What's right with the world  
is that there are crab cakes and kittens,

puppies and just-baked popovers,  
and the smell of coffee brewing.

And there is art, too, which tantalizes  
as it squeezes the heart so hard.

