

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.

