# Of Tongue and Cheek

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### On the Advantages of Having No Team in the Playoffs

Because I have no skin in the fight, I can plant my ass here, park my brain there, fill my belly over there, and just enjoy the outcome, whatever the outcome may be.

#### **Ugly Weather Haiku**

The damp digs to bone to find the wind's chill talons already roosting.

#### **A Question of Progress**

Is it progress, then, when all the fucking-off at work can now be spent on personal phones instead of company computers?

#### **Statistics and Probability**

The Weather (in this case, a cold front) arrives earlier than prophesied. I shiver in shirt sleeves.

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Shit happens.

## **Bitcoins are Ugly**

Our beautiful currencies and stamps disappear into the digital vortex of accelerated appetites. The old

realities are quaint and picturesque commemorating flesh and blood which move too slowly to breathe

the charged, cyclonic air. I'm much too old for now. I slow to pet the actual cat

enchanted by an actual sparrow. My metabolism is so passé and all my scars from childhood ache.