

# When To Wear Mascara

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When the black fingerprints of tears carve cheekbones  
and chisel the sadness  
that last week's smiles did not anticipate,  
it's time for the cold, antiseptic  
cloth to briskly remove the evidence  
and leave cheeks ruddy with the false glow of  
cherry blossom kisses,  
which insist that Spring is love.

