

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.

