

The new year begins

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The new year begins with illness and loss.
Empty connections reaching across.
Adults make decisions
 exposed to derision.
Irrationality opens to force.

An internal drive
 interstices, indecision,
A girl on a bus
 exposed to incision.

Female goddesses die,
martyred young women lie
 in hospital beds,
 alone in their heads,
all with the cast of an eye.

