

## **Claustrophobia**

They're closing in  
From the right  
From the left  
The top and  
The bottom  
Those I know  
Those the  
World identifies

I cannot breathe  
From their rhetoric  
Their combat  
What have  
I done  
What have  
We done

I am compressed  
Nearly demolished  
Fighting back  
Is fruitless  
There are too many  
Of them

I hyperventilate  
Feeling as if  
My imaginary  
Oxygen mask  
Is dysfunctional  
Like the world  
Around me

Where to run  
Where to hide  
Is this  
The beginning  
Of the end  
Or is the end  
Here already

Let me breathe  
Please  
Stand back  
And let me breathe

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