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**New York**  
by Tony Medina

where the sky  
is dark with pain  
where rain is glass  
metal and brick  
where the subways  
are crammed with flesh  
where the skyline  
is smoke trailing  
up from an ashtray  
of twin cigars  
stamped out by rage  
New York  
where the air floats  
like flakes of tar  
where Sodom meets Gomorrah  
as Times Square caves  
into the pit of the World Trade  
Center in a pornographic orgy  
of blood and scorn  
where buildings are leveled  
by planes and the sun  
cannot compete  
or complain  
with the uncompromising  
flame of terror  
New York  
is an incinerator  
of greed  
a melting pot  
of hysteria

and lies  
in your face  
with mud in your eye  
down your throat  
with a blanket full  
of hives  
New York is smothering  
New York is hovering  
hunched over  
wheezing with asthma  
Alzheimer's and dysentery  
New York New York  
my home sweet home  
with its cracked face  
and false teeth  
with its steel plate head  
and belly like a grave