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Black Mirror

We sit,
 eyes glued to pixels
 on the screen

 so close
and talk, we do,
 of change.

We sit,
 hearts pulled
 by this
 or that
 new fad
and shows
 with feeling
 spoon-fed by

 laugh tracks and

 a prompter.

We sit,
 slow-prompted
 ourselves;
 content, silent, & still

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