
April 2015

Asphyxiation

Jera Hogan

Western Michigan University

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarworks.wmich.edu/laureate>



Part of the Poetry Commons

Recommended Citation

Hogan, Jera (2015) "Asphyxiation," *The Laureate*: Vol. 14 , Article 12.Available at: <https://scholarworks.wmich.edu/laureate/vol14/iss1/12>

This Poetry is brought to you for free and open access by the Lee Honors College at ScholarWorks at WMU. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Laureate by an authorized editor of ScholarWorks at WMU. For more information, please contact wmu-scholarworks@wmich.edu.

ASPHYXIATION

Jera Hogan

Clutched brains mold
Themselves to the ideal
They stay clutched.
Some give, some thawed movement.
Semi-cement.
Flames begin to choke,
Commence the cycle of striking,
Burning, lowering, dying.
The grey matter gets clutched
Into scar tissue.
Engulfing fibers, flame.
If the delicate tissue is peeled back,
The peeler turns to soot.
Frozen brains
Resting in a necropsy cooler.
Every day is a visit
To the produce section.