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What do you feel
in those quiet, awkward moments
when the tape ends
or the birds stop singing
or the wind stops blowing so hard
that my ears grow deaf
That imaginable silence
LOOMING like a masked assassin
over his gun
until he finally lets go
and it's all over
that moment of greed and
misunderstanding—
frustration—
pain,
of hopeless submission
until the song clicks over
and the music plays again.

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