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I don't have the words. I wrestle silently, internally, As you sit remote in hand, images successively flashing Upon the box that is your god, Formulating a means to elicit my thoughts. The mangled letters fall into rank And present themselves to you An explanation of my sadness. But as they travel from mind to mouth, From mouth to ear (Is it me or the pizza bargains deluging The void black that envelops us?) Transformation. Illegitimate comprehension fires the pistol Of your race. You jump from the starting gate And run headlong, a thoroughbred. Consumed with the quest, the dissemination of my fears, You charge toward the finish (Faster than the glowing advertisement Spews forth its accolades) And claim your prize: disenchanted me. No sooner won than forgotten, A trophy on your shelf Dusted off with provocation of desire. Commercial over, your god consumes you And I sit transfixed on my nail bitten hands. I'm aching to rectify your erroneous achievement But I don't have the words.