
TURNED OFF

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“If you had an off switch, Doctor, would you not keep it a secret?”
Data, Star Trek: The Next Generation

I have had my brain turned off
by the grill of a truck.

There is no time to think or
comprehend
when you meet up with a truck,
no time to absolve or
hit the gas to get away.

Chrome found my window and
the glass found my off-switch. I guess
I forgot to keep it hidden.

I should have spent a
few more seconds, maybe
pulling keys from my purse,
I could have tossed my clothes
in the drier, or stopped for pasta
instead of tacos.

There is a shadow with my face
sleeping in a broken car
in an auto dump
with her brain turned off
by the grill of a truck

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