

revolution

long before
the rain had delivered the message
the omina
could not be ignored. market
was held like always but
the leftovers (dead fish,
rotten tomatoes, shrunk salami)
had retired
in panic

recognized: the ozone hole. the whales:
pegged out in a database, a matter of administration:
the death of rain forests, oceans
mankind had forgotten
to not get accustomed
all of a sudden
chain saws, demagogues and brass bands
were outdone
by a child's weeping

no bomb was dropped
no tank rolled there, and nobody sounded alarm
the alert period turned out to be
a joke

while the wind began
to play with the garbage
somebody found the answer
hidden
behind books, in the closet

It had been there forever