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natural disaster

just because i can't stay or make decisions
based on one thing--or one person--
doesn't mean that
that one thing or person that stays
isn't going to tear through
my heart
like a natural disaster or earthquake
through the stable, sure city.

like an earthquake,
it's unavoidable
no matter where i try to go
or run to
or hide.

so just remember that if i hug you
too tight
or if a few tears leak out,
it's because i can foresee
an unavoidable natural disaster
and i'm
just
preparing
and practicing
for it. . .