Gunshot sound as the streets split and heave, one after the other: A surge of stone, breaking over itself and rolling back...

> And where it pulls apart the warm gush of gore bubbles to the surface. The Flesh of the people has merged with the skin of the city.

> > Somewhere, the shrilling of a siren becomes the sound of a human shriek, and then changes back again.

Somewhere, an amalgaim of parking meters drags itself into an alcove, weeping from one remaining human eye. It comes to rest, and will never move again.

> A hotel folds in a deep, final inhalation. The last chorus is about to begin.

> > This is it:

Wiping scarlet drops of my blood from her beaks, the Lady of Birds lifts herself into the treetop.

> I lift Alison's hands to Alison's face and the oh the who am I now? How can I tell? My name is Jason. My name is Alison.

> > I'm all alone.

And I keep thinking of what The Kid said to me. Missing Alison so bad but now I can see her every time I look in the mirror...

