

Now That Anything Could Happen

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You now know that anything could happen;
things that never happened before, things that
only happened in movies and nightmares
are happening now, as if nothing could
stop them. You know now that you are not safe,
you know you live in fragile skin and bones,
that even steel and concrete can melt away,
and that the earth itself can come unhinged,
shaken from its orbit around the sun.

You know, now that anything can happen,
it's hard to know what will, and what will you
do now that you know? What words will you say,
now that you could say anything? What hands
will you hold? Whose heart will beat inside you?