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big brother is here

by
Jason Franco

Bureaucrats cling
to equivocal goals
and dreams in a world
where the truth lies untold
They claim they are helping
or so they tell me
but those hypocrites only
commit to the wealthy
They emerge from our cities
representing the epitome
do as they please,
behind the doors of Democracy

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by
Cynthia L. Boyle

I sat alone in my room on that sorry day,
I heard your keys rattling in the hall.
Soon there was a pounding on my door.
I saw you so clearly because I wanted to.
I saw you walk into my room.
I saw you walk over to my chair and look at my desk,
And I know I felt the warmth of you behind me.
I knew how tender your hands felt on my shoulders,
And how sweet your kiss was atop my head.
I knew to not try to touch your hands,
And I knew why the pain was still within.
As I stared at your photo and your cover
I brought my thoughts back to the reality,
And knew you could not be with me at all.
I looked around my empty room on that sorry day,
I heard keys rattling in the hall.
My heart caught because I knew,
Those keys will not be yours again for a while.
I sat crying in my room that sorry day,
Resolved to hold on until I could hold you for real,
And knowing how empty this place is
--despite its furnishings.