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The Office Knell

In the morning the world ends,
and everyone
brings
unpublished
novels to work,
to show what was really important.

*This is why
i was distracted
when we spoke at the water cooler.
This is how
i spent vacations and weekends.*

Novels never to be published.
Novels no one has time left to read.

But we pass them around & pretend to kiss each word,
make up good things to write on yellow sticky paper,
hoping we get something right, or close,
notes that say *Good job,*
I like what you've done here.
You have touched me,
then,
Goodbye.