

A Quandary

iPhone or Android
Ever a leash tugged
By friend or stranger or self
Often a rude intrusion
An eraser of welcome quiet
Of thought pregnant reflection
This techno temptress
This carrier pigeon of urgency

Why my dependence? My nakedness in your absence The irrational irritation to me and others When the leash cannot be tugged When I can see trees And wistfully wonder While sipping sweet solitude

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