

# Slowly They Go

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I expected click-click-click  
of handcuffs binding wrists,  
eyes red with pepper spray,  
a haze of tear gas fogging streets,  
black 'copters rotoring the sky,  
and cellphone vids of troubled days.  
Too late I realized the cunning gist  
of protests that shimmer on-screen.  
Slowly they disappear from the net-  
first the anarchists, then the homeless Vets.  
Facebook and Google delete the rest.  
No bullet, no blindfold, no last cigarette.

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