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Fishbowl Haven

by Surucki Gadkari

Gaping goldfishes in a bowl,
bouncing off clear yet harsh walls;
Gaping for air,
gaping for water—
So elemental.
Bulged eyes
Magnifying views.
All gaping—
Air,
Freedom?
Floundering, choking, drowning in midair — goldfishes.
Lying on the floor
next to the box of Kleenex.
Picking the corpse up,
a fin falls off -
Mobility lost.
Dropping, falling,
swept away by an angry swirl of water.
Freedom — Ha. Ha.
I wipe a tear.

The Fish

by Thomas Straza

The fish
I had,
He died.

Flush.