

## TIGERS IN THE ZOO

4:07am. Feed cat, make coffee.  
Sleep's a thing of the past.  
Open windows, air the rooms.  
Make the bed, stave off dread.  
Zoom, FaceTime, no big deal.  
Wash those hands. 30, 60, 90 seconds.  
Now it's safe to touch your face.  
Wash it, dry it. Fetch clean towel.  
Resist? Retreat? Rip off your mask?  
Will coffee kill me? What about the cat?  
Tigers in the zoo, softly coughing.  
I'd give my life, just to hear *that*.

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