

daylight deepening

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October
outside the sprawling thick
city

clouds
wrinkle from exhaustion in the
sky

Chicago's
weekend traffic is somehow
light

& lisa
spends her afternoon in
sweats

she's
got the steamy rice cooker
going

sprawled
in the living room in the winter
light

thinking
of a simple life with a relaxed
tongue

the dryer
turns another monotonous
cycle

& lukewarm
memories are all that's left to
pack

endless
city infrastructure of concrete &
wire

sewage
pipes, asphalt, & phone
calls

the wind
blows crisp leaves in careless
disregard

& lisa
has that vague sensation of
a missing hour