



Border Crossing

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The angle at which
the guard behind the Presidio border rests
his 5-cartridge shotgun on the right hand;
the boy's knees bend before the blood-stained
linen cloth covering his father's eyes;
the limp body of a sleeping child tucked
inside her mother's arms;
the boy's tilted head cradles the telephone
from across the pane of bulletproof glass,
conjuring a coffin for the body now stiff
as the unevenly dug ground
and the downturned faces of migrants.

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