

how does a child  
big-eyed babies  
beauties  
whole families  
villages  
half a city  
226,000+  
living  
breathing  
human beings  
bodies  
wash out to sea  
in a second  
of a tsunami?  
how do we make sense of it?  
how does one grasp at sanity  
to assimilate the scale and agony  
of this cataclysmic trauma  
tragedy?

and more pointedly  
how do we decide  
to send our sons  
to murder  
a multitude  
of others' loved ones?  
mutilating  
destroying  
families and destinies  
with impunity  
annihilating every healthy human dream  
they nurtured and harbored with humility

how do we turn away  
our hearts  
so pure?  
from dehumanization  
decimation in darfur?  
too busy battling  
oppressing  
obsessing

over sponge bob's sexuality?  
placing genocide aside  
in a proper pecking priority order  
a lesser lower line?

now back to Iraq  
how do we choose  
to kill  
at will?  
spread venom  
devastation?  
designed with supreme supremacy  
and conviction?  
sophistication  
justified with repugnant pride  
what kind of a mind  
manifests  
this misery  
malicious cruelty  
perpetrated on another  
precious life?  
how do we sleep at night?  
we snore on  
with lazy chronic amnesia  
safe in stature  
and salvation  
as the chosen nation?