

Out of Reach

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no poof of smoke
or fanfare
no trapeze acrobat
or juggling clown
only a waning
big top and stark
raving cold

shadow hands brush
the edge of a sound
once a sideshow megaphone
voice now tapers
out of reach

like disappearing act
funnel-shaped contortions
twist and rise
on balloon-cloud eddies
until all that remains floats
treetop-searches

for the shape of her
she was not
buried underneath
she was just barely
out of reach