

S m e l l

inhale bitter air  
not stale but used,  
familiar  
sickeningly rich  
steam wafts from coffee cups  
a chill of snow stings  
pool of sweat and hair gel  
perfumed.  
enveloped by peppermint and  
sweetness  
whiff of a stranger's coat is  
nostalgic  
for someone i cannot remember



t o u c h

plastic, metal  
a smoothness made sweaty  
by crowds  
body heat becomes intimate  
pressed together  
cotton and polyester  
gentle movement like a heartbeat  
chest ripple with breath  
a rocking lullaby

t a s t e

licking salty lips  
dryness of  
ventilated air  
like cold wind  
tastes like exhaustion and  
sleep



s o u n d

murmurs of no name are clouded by  
broken headphones  
air tunnels vibrate  
i know the breath and habits of  
closeness  
giggle and a sniff  
automation whirrs fell  
off future destinations  
gossip in a language  
i cannot place  
click and sigh  
echoing the air conditioning  
a hum and crinkle

