

## **Obsolence**

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Blue quiet morning and the cool fall sun  
shone on the roofs of the buildings  
down the hill. And on the roofs

old antennas, like tree skeletons  
spiky television signal traps,  
stand,  
with bars and cables and  
posts that tilt sideways.  
Obsolete.

Now witnesses to an ancient age,  
and old technology,  
like shiny horse-drawn carriages,  
and Model T Fords.

The world is full of technology,  
that gallops forward faster and faster,  
so obsolete is closer and closer  
and arrives quicker and quicker.

The landscape is littered  
not just with rusted out cars  
or fridges that do not work,

but with computers,  
keyboards and screens,  
that not five years ago,  
were the latest thing.

By the time people over 40  
learn one machine with its  
500 options and 20 functions,  
it's obsolete

and one fears  
that interspecies obsolescence  
might be catching  
like bird flu.

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