

PRE*CAR*I*OUS*NESS

the last four Augusts and three Januaries

The student explains to me
Matter-of-factly
With the cadence of someone
Who BELIEVES
 (And with the *satisfaction* of someone
 Who has *earned* his place)
Who feels he has *merit*
That equality is here
That *privilege* is a PAST concern
And that
 Because of affirmative action
 Because of the Fair Housing

That
Now we are all *equal*
 mentioning RACISM and SEXISM and CLASSISM and
 serves to divide us and create
 over-sensitivities
 (microAGGRESSIONs are made up & *institutions* can't DISCRIMINATE)

And discussing EQUITY undermines our (his) *inherent worth* as HUMANS—

It's just August.
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While we teeter here
All together
On the EDGE
 Of this *historic* MOMENT
With
 our PASTs
 our PRESENTs
 our FUTURE HOPEs

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