

# Mean Time

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an errant clock strikes eleven,  
unwinds second from second

No shelf or sink  
mediates this mean ticking  
between now and them.

I meant then.

This mean time  
passing then to when,  
"then" all inconsequence:  
"like it matters, now."

And after? As if.

Call this mean time?

Just wait.

