

# 21st Century Living

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there should be a word:

for that feeling you get  
when you want to connect  
but you have nothing to talk about;

for that text you receive  
that leaves you no route of response  
so you leave it and hope they don't get mad;

for that photo you see  
of your friends at parties  
and you wish *so hard* that you were with them;

for that "Like" from nowhere  
that takes you by surprise  
and you are unsure how to proceed;

there should a word for living  
out of sync with the twenty-first century.

