

Not Creative

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when a house explodes
you can walk for miles
finding the debris

each wildfire is named
for the place where it is fought
I heard about one
yesterday on the radio
fire fighters so exhausted
and so worn out
they just named this one
'Not Creative'

here, look at this
here's a hunk of silver shiny
I believe this was either
a kitchen sink
or the guts of a toilet

here look at this
it was either a poem
or instructions to
construct a bomb

here look at this
it's 7 billion people
not sure who is wrong

when the dispatcher
was reached via walkie talkie

the dispatcher said
'Water is on the way'.

