WHITE ASH, WHITE TRASH

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Through a muddy lens of her glasses, Frances hues the future. Fruitless, joyless, hollow.

What flavor is fruitless anyway? Bland; no froth, no fizz – nothing left fermenting, but Frances. What color is bland anyway? Arid; no juice, no essence – nothing left steeping, but Frances.

Through the arid lens of her windshield, Frances chafes the wipers. Perfunctory, mechanical, dithering.

What sound is perfunctory anyway? Silent; no song, no air – nothing left chanting, but Frances. What temperature is silent anyway? Bereaved; no mass, no anatomy – nothing left dissolving, but Frances.

Through the bereft lens of her mind, Frances huffs the present. Insolvent, intractable, insufferable.

What emotion is insolvent anyway? Empty; no poise, no possession – nothing left vacant, but Frances. What reality is empty anyway? A pile of ash, a heap of trash – nothing left white, but Frances.

Fuck that: FIX IT FRANCES!