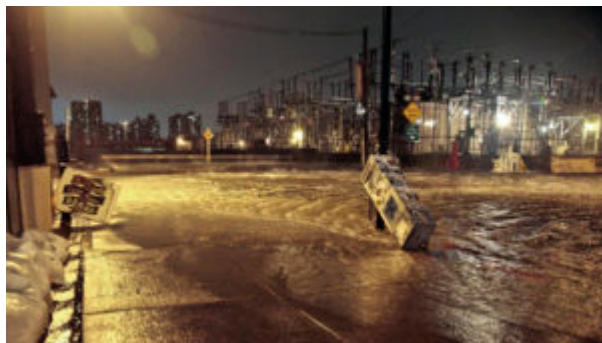


The Sandy Next Time

As the water rose



to occupy Wall Street,
ten thousand helicopters
flew massed dollars out
lest all that cabbage salt to slaw
and the balance of payments
blow out to sea.

Merrill Lynch's bull
splashed its massive chiseled hooves
in feral panic
at going underwater
like all the homes
it had helped foreclose.

Liberty Tower,
floated off across the Atlantic,

all 1,776 feet of it.

It was last seen from a flood-fleeing yacht,
erect like Frankenstein's kindred creation,
adrift in the ever-rising sea,

while high-flying drones

lassoed bales of stampeding stock certificates

lest any bankers lose their cents

once and for all,

and armed battalions arrested

everyone

who lacked a trust fund

and tried to flee.

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