

# WHY I HATE HANG-UPS

CINNAMON SPEAR

That click stirs silence  
Echoes in my ear  
Until I hear  
My mother screaming  
She calls on me  
Her guardian angel  
A freshman in college  
To save her as I did before  
Distance means impossibility  
So I listen  
Dad's fists hit her face  
Breath forced from her body  
My beautiful mother cries  
*Don't hang up*  
*Don't hang up*  
*Please, don't hang up*

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