

LEIGH HERRICK

## Genomic Kaddish

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99.97% the same meaning eyes meaning ears meaning heart and hands and that one over there's a dad and that one

a grandmother and she who died last night was just at home in her 99.97%-the-same-as-yours body while the blue cloth's innocuous folds flowed over the table at which

she sewed and stitched in such minimal difference that no one knew exactly where it lay where mapped inside her beyond the thimble-less finger stained

in the prick of blood that neither ran nor hid from the unknown difference as she lifted her head toward her laughing son just before the bomb reduced her to rubble

now strewn among stones with nothing in the difference able to be identified nothing able to be saved of her like who she was which was 99.97% the same as you which is

a being 99.97% the same in ability to become merely these remains in the place where a man's hands now tremble the same as another man's hands trembling

on the other side of the world where fathers uncles nephews dig and women wail in this kaddish their genomic poem