

Runner-up

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For Claudia Rankine:

Citizen: A Haiku

There is imbalance

Where there should be equality

Claudia, I'm sorry.

Citizen: An American Lyric **by Claudia Rankine**

In line at the drugstore ...

In line at the drugstore it's finally your turn, and then it's not as he walks in front of you and puts his things on the counter. The cashier says, Sir, she was next. When he turns to you he is truly surprised.

Oh my God, I didn't see you.

You must be in a hurry, you offer.

No, no, no, I really didn't see you.