SYNTHETIC, THANK YOU

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I missed Thanksgiving
this year
I listened to a
news cast
and felt too
nauseated to eat
the Pre-cooked turkey
and the always
perfect, self-making pie
thank you

I sat before the
easy-light fire
with glass to
separate me from
the chemical flames
and read
a fantasy story
about peace
and real food
and real fires . . .
thank you

but I'll turn over in
some electric-blanketed sleep
and
short circuit
Send my funeral notices as
Thank-you notes
thanks?