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Standing before me
pinching and prodding
deforming the air between us
with plump colorless hands

My eyes run from double chin
to square of glass
desperate to escape
the voice

Proclaiming a story of success
Rags to Riches
All you need is Self Love
Positive Attitudes
You can do it too
Just look at me
Look at me

Bullshit
my mind screeches
sounding like fingernails
on a black board

Inflated with nothingness
Arms pumping
Lips flapping
like a silent movie
you kill something inside me

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