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Erasure Poems from Year 8 students

by Ethan

in this
inner
zone
Stay calm
and
fear
a number
at the depth

forever
few

numb
exploding
puzzled door

No doubt
sharing
this space
transformed
power

by Melissa

down
there is an end

a
calm
creation
so many stories

the- re it all disappears
Just
as
we
begin

by William

Disappearing is my ignorance
vi- le it is
and yet disappearing
there is a
mess
The first day of school. Always. Forever.

by Rafiki

my ignorance

limit
the fear
and the fear falls away

in answer to
our elders
we read, all read
sharing this moment

Time
switch The lights go out. Test us

 we're not quite
ready.

by Jacob

Disappearing
zone disappearing time

Sign in
begin
and
childhood goes.

noisy
shiver of
time and
the only terror.

dreaming
freedom
rearranging
space.

transformed by words
conversation has power

by Dean

this traffic the highway of ignorance
the limit of my inner westy roads
city yet and disappearing

and stay
to this car from dive

first day of school forever fear at gates
Outsider inside.
depth
piped

noisy
disappearing

by Aidan

Disappearing
zones and
the highway

take a number
from your life
because nothing
lasts forever

a few very noisy people
have stripes

puzzled doors
are dreaming
disrespectful
questions

lines rearranging sharing
waves on
a transformer

Test us with a skewer not quite
ready

by Nicholas

Disappearing in this traffic of my ignorance

the limit of my years in this
school
stay on the highway. There is an end
to this mess from
the first day of school the fear at the gates.

inside class, where
the fear falls
astonished at the depth
childhood goes