

SUEYEUN JULIETTE LEE

How much chemical disorder...

How much chemical disorder
can be survived depends on medical technology.
A hundred years ago, cardiac arrest was irreversible.
People were called dead
when their heart stopped beating.
Today death is believed to occur 4
to 6 minutes after the heart stops beating
because after several minutes it is difficult
to resuscitate the brain.
However, with new experimental
treatments, more than 10 minutes of warm cardiac
arrest can now be survived without
brain injury. Future technologies
for molecular repair may extend the

frontiers of resuscitation beyond
60 minutes or more,
making today's beliefs about
when death occurs
obsolete

merely transitory evidence a stray boundary between
a much longer-lasting (invisible) opposite polarities
feature the fields annihilate
the field tries to one another
repel the intruder rapidly

velocities directly shine in emission
visible shortly

in terms of before
brightness totality

*Sueyeun Juliette Lee, "How much chemical disorder..." from Solar Maximum. Copyright © 2015 by Sueyeun Juliette Lee.
Reprinted with the permission of The Permissions Company, LLC, on behalf of Futurepoem Books, www.futurepoem.com.*



Illustration by Shonagh Rae