

Gen Z

By Scot Siegel

Under your watch, the Gordian knot
of extraction and plunder comes undone.
No drones, but hawks graze the pines.

Under your watch, the city glimmers.
Street cars carry babies safely.
Grandfathers teach tai chi. No bullets.

Under your watch, oceans stop rising.
All passengers wing-walk to safety. Children
in every country know five languages.

Under your watch, the water is clean again,
the fish plentiful, and the rice cooked to perfection.

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