Dom Witten

when kids leave behind blank father’s day
worksheets

please don’t make a scene and ask them to defend their act of defiance or rebellion or empty spaces because they will cry even if only in the stairway no one wanders through while the other children play football and hopscotch and return to the places they can’t wait to show the details their brains have remembered and not reimagined into something forgivable like traffic jams on a highway nearby or astronauts lost in the outer realm or spontaneous combustion because kids are loveable miniature wizards training to be loveable people picking up salamanders trying to make it back home