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#### **Brainstorming Night(mare)**

The clock is standing still:

*Tick, tock, tick, tock.*

Life goes on,

And on,

And on.

(So they say)

The left half-Moon hides behind the clouds,

And thus light can't be seen.

Wolves attacking silence,

Silence that flows through the wind

And crashes into my head.

One sheep, two sheeps...

The purple light on the phone does not bright anymore,  
Though I would like to.

(S)he remains quiet, while my pen trembles.

Non-sense writing makes him feel uneasy.

Headache. Half-opened eyes,  
or half-closed instead?

Dreams. Lots of. Nightmares. Just one.

The awakening:

*Tick, tock, tick, tock.*

*'Excuse me, is it you?'*

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