

IN AMBER

"Plausible deniability only works when it's plausible"
– Congressman Matt Cartright to
Michigan Governor Rick Snyder



You are late to the emergency.
It has been woven slowly, chronic:

mahogany tables, manila folders,
cold American lagers, and white hands

shaking. The colors helix in thread, an ugly gold.
Cross-stitching, we turn in continuously, thorough

across corners. But to see the fabric's back
is to know. We are lines and lines

and lines that never meet. Meanwhile,
a glass of water is being poured,

chromatic, at a kitchen tap, a tap
that does not also lead to yours.