

## Fadwa Says

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A cousin moved to Baghdad  
from Tehran—gone  
her children—gone  
                                  or all of them missing  
which may not mean gone  
                                  but just beyond reach  
which may mean alive.  
                                  Or not. It's war,  
Fadwa says, and there's no fog in her  
                                  sorrow and clarity.  
Ten years, no word.  
Wishing no one dead  
                                  even if they are.