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How To Measure Loss: Some Suggestions

9 days were lost from Manual al-Sharif's
life while jailed in Saudi Arabia
for being a female driver.

1 million children, mostly girls,
are forced into the sex trade each year.

4 million women & girls are trafficked
each year.

99% of the Brazilian rain forest is gone.

80% of the Arctic ozone was lost in 2011,
causing a hole like the one in the Antarctic.

25,500 tonnes of crude oil were lost
to the Yellowstone River after a pipeline burst.
Also fish.

27,000 Chernobyl nuclear explosion deaths.
So far.

37,000 tonnes of Exxon Valdez oil impacted
1,100 miles of Alaskan coastline.
You betcha.

136 East Germans died trying to breach
the Berlin Wall.
400,000 persons were deported by the
US Immigration
& Customs Enforcement in 2011.

925 million of the 7 billion global population hunger.
That's 13.1%. That's 1 in 7.
1.3 billion metric tons of consumable food is wasted
annually worldwide.

300,000 children are combatants
in some thirty conflicts worldwide.
500,000 additional children
serve in armies not currently at war.
40% of the world's armed organizations
have children in their ranks.

*This is a list poem assembly kit.
Feel free to suggest other ways to measure
and pass this on.*

The coal vein gave out
and the owners moved on,
leaving Lou with five children
and Black Lung John.

Just Making a Living

a riot of tulips
fountains free-for-all
a tumult of cherry blossoms

Vancouver in Spring

snowdrifts cover the iron fences
making a world without boundaries

Waking after the Storm