

21st Century Laughter

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It was funny how
It kept chirping,
Buzzing,
And beeping
As every message
Popped up on the screen,
Impatiently
Waiting in line
To be opened.

It was funny how,
She craned her neck
To look down,
Her arm like a claw machine,
Mindlessly swiping,
And tapping,
Erroneous,
But confident,
In the omnipotence.
Of autocorrect.

It was funny how
Their names popped up:
KoolSkwad46
Kim4Evz
-Cryptic messages
In the form of
Unrecognizable
Pop culture references
From 2 weeks ago.

It was funny how
Her eyes lit up
With a blue glow
Before she even read the joke,
Yet her face
Was stone
And expressionlessly
She typed,
LOL.