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Abstract

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and cobwebbed runners
of oscillating unravelling
wicker-seated bent cane rockers
bearing tarnishing ebony madonnas
whose fingers woven over
sleeping infants are everests
to once courageous roaches
now turned conceited
a hundred foot square purgatory
supported by the plunder of
dun-colored windowed envelopes
bearing dire warnings of incarceration
for misuse

wrested from the clutching
reluctance of welfare workers
dissembling behind cloying pale-lipped
sweetwater smiles