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At nine A.M. a boy plays the Knabe piano in an upstairs room of an old college building where students still come and go.

A girl sleeps on the corner of a gray divan, her auburn head tipped back a small round mouth opened as if to scream, and I wonder:

In her dreams
does she hear the boy play his Mozart and Brahms over and over at nine A.M.

When an autumn sun slices its way between long salmon drapes that touch the ivory tiled floor, stained-glass cathedral lights hang like pendants from a tall ceiling.

A boy performs for a deaf fall morning.