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There are flowers that blossom black
For plucking
Ideal for the lapels of white tuxedos
On Easter morning

There are snows that flake in red clusters
Passionate snows for Christmas
That jut in wind-blown peaks

There are lovers that jangle their bones
That rattle against their emptiness
In the hollow splendor of mirrors

Then there are the bells
Golden and resonant
Brazen and demanding
Floating wild above the city.