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Think of yourself running.
It’s dusk,
Orange and Red clouds are dutifully sliding
Along the atmosphere in western pursuit of the sun.
There is a broken car to your right,
Now it’s gone.

Across the street there is a small Chinese restaurant
Where small Chinese children are splashing their way
to nostalgia
In fresh, clean, concrete molded puddles
While happy, outdoor patrons enjoy
Their kung-poi chicken
And fortune cookies, which you already know say
Nothing that is profound.

You are running past mirrored buildings
And the soft reflection that answers the inquiry of
your eye
Makes you beautiful. It makes you
The foreground of a cityscape,
A motion painting that contains an art museum, a
cave,
Housing the pictures of
Modern man,
Who is crawling all over it,
Analyzing what’s inside,
Engrossed in windows of consciousness.

Now imagine yourself slowing down
Imagine yourself walking.
You turn a corner and immediately long
To stay on the path of the recent past.
To stay on First Street
Where the lighting was a temperature
In the arms of every street, smiling.