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On Monday morning,
wake me, shake me
into the cold
gray city
nightmare.

Click, click.
White tapping sticks
of blind men
in the wind-
swept city
spin.

Chit-chat, chit-chat.
Beneath their steel-wool caps,
pink ladies steal the silence
in wrinkled defiance
on Monday morning.

Whisper, whisper.
"...and Johnny kissed her!"
(behind the school)
red gelatin-jewel
smick-smacked
cracker-jacked.

Tap, tap
"none of that!"
the wooden teachers
snapped
through splintered features
on Monday morning.

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