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The coffee drips a syrupy oil into the stained glass
I count the seconds between each splash
2:50, 2:55, 3:00, and I'm still waiting.
Two Chinese look unfazed
As they flip through *People*
The younger guy next to them looks as if he needs a beer,
Isn't he my neighbor?
The older guy next to me seems to be fascinated with
The car wash next door.
Me, I sit wondering what's in their minds?
My thumbs making senseless circles
Obvious Silence ignored.
Why don't we talk to one another?
Finally, a little boy runs in and plops down,
We stare
He sits and slurps his McDonald's shake,
Forever ending the silence.
I smile.

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