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SILENT
PICTURES
RECOGNIZE
THE WORLD

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moody
pale blue twilight
black shapes
green ball teetering
iron-work on roof
he climbs the stairs
Mr. Spock ears
against the sky

2

doll in a suitcase
browns and
dull greens
asphalt gray
stuffed bunny
on its head
doll eyes
wide open

3

gold light
orange piles the girders
shadows on back
shadows on stairs
green peels and scrapes
pale beige continents
clutter walls
a deeper shade of hustle
rush before
the sun sets
before the day ends
before the train comes
before the mind rests

4

bottom without top
torso missing
in front of the
white truck
hands on hips
waist missing
plaster grounded
at the bottom
in the bottom
bottom only
present

Uma Thurman's
bright yellow
Kill Bill sweat suit
between my legs
hers and mine spread
in fencing stance
her blade
my shutter poised
plastic monsters
super heroes
glamour dolls
pop and hover

sad eyes
sit on a young
girl's face
arms reaching
up for the
top of a van
brown suede
slightly country
western skirt
and matching vest
mirrors her
hanging beside her
a shadow version
of her bright
pink

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Gowanans cathedral spired
behind barbed wire
cotton candy
painted sky
resting above
corrugated metal
fence as
sun hugs
the horizon

8

sci-fi
day-glo
fluorescent
underground lights
bleed and vibrate
above tracks
below sidewalks
we glide
on subterranean lakes

Brooklyn Super Hero Shop
shelves filled
with cans
labeled:
atmosphere
invisibility
anti-gravity
chaos

10

chess pieces
on top of chess pieces
boards hanging
light then
dark squares
layered red brick
encased windows
wine red awning
sign below:
for rent
fire escape collaged
air-conditioners sit
alternating shapes

11

peek through
metal gate
inches open
between green
wooden fence
glimpse boarded
windows ornate
structure abandoned

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spiral staircase
curves down
an arm holds on
peeks out
steps away
from the Alhambra
a tiny hostel
holds a tottering
Canadian
on shaky knees



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