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I find myself inside a moment
that found me through
the ticking of a thousand watches.

I inhale slowly
and try to retrace my thoughts.
Carefully walking backwards
in my fading footprints.
Testing each step
as if climbing a steep slope.

The city is rolling by the subway.
Over there a small plastic bag
twirls in its search
for the ground below.

I exhale and some air flows
into a woman's conversation.
She is explaining
the color of a scarf with the
seriousness of I love you.

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