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today happened*

In the Jardin des Tuileries, boys  
lean over the rim of the toy boat  
pool. They elbow,  
they vantage, they wish  
for ownership of glass bottomed ships.  
Their sisters promenade  
beneath alabaster  
lady statues and carry yellow  
canaries in cages fashioned of popsicle sticks  
and arable glue. In a moment  
all will begin to think  
of cannabis and springtime's  
forking orchids. But for now their parents  
fold newspaper boats and pretend  
it will be hours before the paper  
absorbs the water.