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It seemed to be morning
I walked to the mirror and saw
my feet in British boots
my legs in U.S. Levis
my neck with an Italian scarf
my waist with a Spanish belt
my head with a French cap
But the face beneath it was missing
Totally faceless, I don't know
whether I was crying or laughing
sad or angry
So I’ve realized
that there has never been a Stewart Yuen
there never was
there never will be
And now in the mirror
as the colors of these nations clash
I lose even my shadow

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