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**THE TOAD WHO MOUNTS A HORSE
BECOMES A PRINCE: NO KISS REQUIRED**

The toad who mounts a horse
becomes a prince
we are all improved
on horseback above
our squat countrymen
infected by the flair
of an equine neck
the nostrils trumpeting
like orchids in the movies
the horses are beautiful
and fan across the bright
screen animals running
on clouds dismounted
riders become toads
playing guitars giving up
the old dream the princely
clarity of moving through air
on the polished indifference
of hooves.