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## Taxonomy

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**TAXONOMY**

The street is made  
a saucy river by  
mud, broken trees,

all the hungry pieces  
sailing in the gutter  
with the speed of a chimney

swift. High tension  
wires slacken  
beneath swollen clouds.

Larch in slapstick fits  
lift their yellow skirts  
for horny wind.

Tonight, I become  
a serpent of trains  
whistling between rain sheets,

sprouting wheels  
and carrying on  
slippery tracks two of every animal.