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to concentrate  
blood-red plumes  
stomacher

crabbed allusions  
and graceful phantasms, at ease,  
some mirrored surface

like dandelions, in no time  
émigrés, with abandoned skills, so near  
we cannot see

like an English horn,  
monumental and anxious  
a baroque pinnacle

a surreal intimacy,  
say how pleased it was  
only a handshake

final night,  
through the seams  
seemed the threshold