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The Tourist

– Robert N. Georgalas

In Paris,
huddled in a doorway,
angry at the rain.

Time taunts. Three days
to absorb the city's heart.

Step out.

Retreat.

My reflection dumb in the glass.

Behind the window, olive oil in
slender bottles: sunshine pressed
into amber, its silky blood bright
against the walnut shelves.

On the floor, an orange cat curled
warm in a mouse rich dream.