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## Seat Hunt

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My mind was in some savanna maybe,  
where mango groves thrived over gum trees.  
Peeling back its tender sunset skin  
in the middle of 3rd hour biology,  
my nails swathed in stickiness,  
my fists drenched in its sweet juices,  
I chomped the mango sharply, as a lion  
clenches its jaw into a gazelle's hide.  
I may have made growling noises:  
a guttural, throated, low baying of the feral.  
I was too far gone in the supple orange fruit.  
But you can ask my classmates and professor:  
It was all silence, save for the satisfied licking  
of chops and the dribbling of juice on desk.

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Buses, stadiums, concert halls  
People move like billiard balls  
Looking for a certain seat to take  
And don't you hate it when you find one claimed?  
"That's for my friend, cousin, brother"  
Now we have to go and find another  
There's five of us, but only two there  
We won't separate, won't even dare.  
There's a bunch, in the middle of the row  
Past legs and bodies, away we go  
"Excuse me, sorry, can I get past?"  
Like fighting a river that's flowing fast.  
Alone, on the bus, no seats remain  
But I keep an eye out just in case  
"Stop requested" are magic words  
To start the struggle through the herds.  
You see their eyes, the predators  
Looking, waiting for their turn  
To find the seat they think is best  
To sit down, smile, finally rest.  
Every day, a new hunt dawns for some  
To find that seat when legs are numb  
To rest the body, let it lie  
Enjoy the show, the ride, the drive.