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Clear, strong, foreign,
it floats so quiet
on the ripples of the sky,
unable to be eaten,
unable to decay.

It's stuck in circles
searching for its home
among the laughing reeds
and screaming of the butterflies.
It is not welcome here.

A gust of wind,
gentle and serene,
urges these links of circles
into a gang of swans,
graceful and naïve.

They sound their trumpets
to this approaching fiend,
enticing rings of crystal
so strange and ordinary.
Too late, another gone.

A trap with no hunter,
a death sentence
with no cause
or chance of parole.
Senseless killing.