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That's about all they're missing,
Train stations would be
Complete as the United Nations
If they had pencil sharpeners.
If you're set to write
You can wait for a train all night.

Sometimes I peer at my shyness
Only to be taken aback and realize
Of course I'm scared of people!
Look what we've done to the place,
Brutality on wheels,
Of course I'm scared of people!

When I'm in a car
I feel like a parasite
Rolling and burning
Over the baby sensitive skin
Of an ailing mother.
Scared by bombs
The target of vanquish
Car travels like a scourge.

Picking hazelnuts in the dark
Along a phantom railroad prairie
I grasped the feel
And set the evening back several decades.