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OCTOPUS

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Zurich warm summer
Stones blowing,
Rolling mountains
Hiding no lies.

Venice in July
Swimming in skin,
Like fish in a river
Going to sea.

Stripped bananas
Dripping from clouds,
Golden in glow
Ice cream sky.

Gargoyles rushing
Teeth exploding in threes,
Root canal breaks down
Pointed green ears.

Carrots stalk sing along drum
Bugle the ear.
Volga flows softly in spring
Peking through steppes.

Buttercup forget-me-nots
Wisping in grass
Seeding East.
Tumbling river banks.

Flood Kremlin walls.
Bratislava vodka waterfalls.
Austrian trees extinguish
Yellow kiln smoke.

Alpine archive key
Twists Hitler's toga blue.
Little Dutch girl
Skates in water clogged

Riding ice turns
Pulled through the poles,
Drowning in flow
Lilith fires light.



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