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## it's raining in evanston

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## it's raining in evanston

it's raining in evanston  
while california is burning  
so while alice is at the dentist  
i walk to the bakery  
to buy cider donuts

it's raining in evanston  
and i see a woman exit her car  
and do that stooped trot  
we all do in the rain  
thinking we'll stay drier  
if we are closer to the ground  
she deposits a load of change  
into the hands of a man in a wheelchair  
and it's raining in evanston

i walk closer to the man  
as he makes his way  
down the sidewalk  
and he throws one of the coins  
into the street  
with the aplomb  
of a pitcher under contract

it's raining in evanston  
and as the coin hits the road  
it makes a wide arc  
away from him  
and toward me  
and i have to know why  
he's thrown this coin away  
so i snatch it up

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and as i hold it in my hand i remember there's a virus  
and maybe she who gave the coin has it  
and maybe he who threw the coin has it  
and now maybe he who's picked it up has it

it's raining in evanston  
while california is burning  
and cider donuts won't be available  
for another two weeks

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