

kindling? no, the bats
from a game played
with an iron baseball

a tossed-in rock
jingles the coins in his cup
the blind man says, "Thank you"

fish swimming
beneath the pond's dark surface
through the moon

amid tall grass palm
fronds atop a tree pulled straight
down into the earth

through Venice
a canal route, from a dentist
a root canal

Italian, Jewish,
and Chinese scouring powders:
ethnic cleansers

— William Woodruff

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