

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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