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(From Thoreau's Walden)

A clean red trolley,
its smooth chrome and glass
gleaming thirsty in the
sunlight.
The huddled few who wait
step aboard as brass is struck,
a gold bell chiming notes
that with the trolley are
gone.
Humming quickly through
the city, propelled by wires
that hang unseen above baggy
pedestrians like an electric
web.
The burdened wood crackles
as trolley rails shriek,
the sparking cables snap and fall
turning the travelling crowd to
toast.

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