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*Faculty Flowers*

## **Minarets of Kazan**

Oh how the promises cloud over  
the tall minarets of Kazan.  
Everything is sky here,  
all light between the arches,  
life and ancient splendor  
and something far beyond flows  
unknown and silent:  
a river not lived,  
a fire not exhausted.  
But there are the tall minarets,  
always them,  
from any point,  
to say, to indicate  
that which we sense,  
to cloud over the broad sky  
with their beauty  
and our audacity.



*Francisco Plata*

*Kazan, Russia, June 2002*  
*(Translated from the Spanish by Martha Black)*