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# SPRING

The day was warm with the smell of spring  
on every nose  
the joy of the season bounced from every eye  
Winter had been chased down the alley of time  
and the conquering hero was strutting for all  
to praise  
On the land the buds invoked the heavens in hopes  
that a bath might be given to their parched skins  
While the fishes of the deep cast their winter ice  
an' began to play tag with the baited hooks of fate  
Men too shed their winter garb of red nose and  
chapped lip  
In favor of the pink and copper of the sun's  
paint brush  
which was gently stroking their pale shell—

By DAVE FISHER

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Downtown  
in sidewalk cinder  
over time's  
cracked  
yet gilded ways  
i another twofold  
sole  
pavement pedal  
Aloneliness  
except for  
the little negro girl  
who skipped  
and whirled  
and looked up at me  
with round brown eyes.

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