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SAFE ABOVE RIVER

We began in the spiral.
We were caught in the spiral.

Yes, first person we-
I with you and you with me. Now,

down goes our city, decayed,
swirling in the sewer
and is floating away
sucked down by gravity
toward the languid Genesee.

And all the politicians
eat salads on a bridge.
Aloof and safe above
the river Genesee
in which you and I
now float along
with arms out flailing
helplessly.