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England is
Camden Town is
the Tube is
High Tea is
Solomon’s is
All we found is
Lennon’s ghost is
Strawberry Fields is
Brixton is
Wondering is
Lisbon is
Christ is
Barcelona is
Parc Guell is
Paella is
the Mediterranean is
Sentimentality is
Verona is
Immortality is
Budapest is
Poverty is
Charity is
Germany is
Black Forest is
Amsterdam is
the Herb is
Prostitution is
Sadness is
Home is

a fisherman’s wharf, Westminster Hall & the Thames &
Ecstasy which is the Right to Rave &
Lancaster Gate, Hyde Park & Peter Pan Flying
Harrods but not Harvey Nichols &
50P Jameson on St. Patty’s Day &
Hash & People all the same &
in Liverpool, right near Penny Lane &
an orphanage, I think that’s quite a shame &
till dawn dancing, toilets, fish & chips &
kissing women’s beautiful lips &
pink, yellow & blue &
in the sky, watching you &
red, brown & green
veerrry trippy &
something I never ate &
a soft soothing sea &
capturing the memory &
where Romeo & Juliet took their lives &
still hearing their tragic cries &
also strange, gypsies there stole all change &
dancing on the street &
giving them Forints because they have no feet &
very straight &
more than cherries and cake &
very cool &
a precious jewel &
red lighted rooms, 2 for 1 if you first assume &
freedom that rarely lasts &
right here, and it’s very, very vast

--Alicia Hoffman