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**uptown downtown walking  
with beads and baubles strung  
on neck and hands and ears  
like mystic talismans –**

**uptown downtown walking  
glancing – smiling – passing  
into surging masses  
of the un-alone –**

**market stall abounding  
in savouries and scones  
i nibble snacks while wandering  
through eccentricities –**

**market stalls in veggies  
and books and tools and clothes  
with inside out umbrellas  
and budget birthday cards –**

**uptown downtown walking  
where everything is noise  
until slow feet retrace me  
to the silence that is home.**

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