

An aerial photograph of a city street, likely in Vancouver, showing a mix of residential and commercial buildings, trees, and a road with cars. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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politics and coffee cups –
balance sheet and traffic lights –
seagull sand and soccer balls
beside umbrella restaurants –
beer and tables in the sun
until the evening breezes chill
and we are wandering the streets
in absences no one can fill –

myriad flavours waft us by
scents of curry – scents of fries –
with people – pigeons – motor cars
and voices layering between –
i sit a bench and watch the streets
september-ing the atmosphere
with overtones of yesteryears
adding to the autumn flair –

no longer here – no longer now
another era cyclones in
with hummingbirds – invisible –
vibrating breezes into storm –
that day that redesigned our names
on papers we forgot to sign
now fashions us as aliens
negotiating foreign dreams.

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