

Sunday morning

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Standing at the window,  
I let fall a book of American sermons

when I see my neighbor  
washing his Honda in the June sunshine

and across the street,  
an old woman catechizing her roses.

On the radio  
a disk jockey affirms his faith in Virgin Records,

though he himself is a separatist  
who mostly worships at independent shrines.

I switch stations to hear  
a scholar trying to describe the color purple:

it cannot be done, he finally admits,  
though he calls it the existential center.

Carrying flatbread and coffee,  
I abandon the house

for the sidewalk, where a block away  
two kids are playing with a garden sprinkler.

They dance in rainbows,  
free, it seems, of all catastrophe.