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Four feet
Colliding with the crumbling
Cracked sidewalk

Three grocery bags
Slung over our shoulders, billowing
Behind us like superhero capes

Two ponytails
Coasting on the cool night air
Like paper airplanes

One moon
Suspended above our heads
A pale yo-yo on its invisible string

Just ahead of us
Just eluding us

We reach out with
Twenty fingers
Trying to grasp the milky orb

But no matter how far
We stretch out, our arms cannot
Extend to heaven

In the darkness we are reaching
Ever reaching
For that one opening

Carved in the black sky
Where the light shines through