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Zeus is standing, relaxed,
on bent pale knee,
arms easy at his sides.
His hair is short, tight,
curly, white.
His mouth downturned
the corners low, the lips rigid,
the whites of his eyes
 piercing,
looking for his lost
lightning bolt.

A family reunion
in this marble room,
but no Heracles,
bathed in children's blood,
no Perseus,
hoisting Medusa's head.
Antiope lay unmarred,
Troy un-sacked.

Zeus pierces with his still eyes
across the room, through
the babbling tourists,
camera lenses
glistening under fluorescents,
at Hera, slightly smirking,
staring back at Zeus.