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## Tweets from Boston I

### To a Maple Tree on Boylston St.

Your shade is lush and ample;  
Blossom-laden branches  
Quiver from the blast.

### To Lu Lingzi

A too quick breakfast  
Of bread and fruits at daybreak:  
Wisp of heaven's feast.

### Chinese Driver of an SUV Hijacked by Terrorists

Left hand on a door,  
Right hand on seatbelt buckle,  
Escape none too soon.

## Tweets from Boston II

### Summer on Boylston St.

Among maple leaves,  
Crows raise chicks in grassy nests;  
No pain in their cry.

### Remembering Lu Lingzi

She celebrated  
After the final exam.  
Rightly so; she aced it.

### Finish Line

Shouts and raucous cheers  
Greet those crossing weeks later:  
Each one a winner.

## In Motion: Love<sup>44</sup>

Slippers tap in time  
With sneakers:  
Ah Long's steps carry a grace  
Sliding toward some destination;  
Each footfall tacks his resolve,  
Like other commuters',  
To seek his place.

On iron tracks, the train pulls in  
Like a stone child dispensing  
Blessings to a dreamy pond,  
Ah Long plays a game;  
Girlie's on a cellphone;  
Ah Ma<sup>45</sup> clasps both hands  
When Ah Long gives up his seat

At an interchange.  
Ah Long sparks a conversation  
With clear-eyed Girlie, her hair braided,  
As they exchange glances,  
Hopes clasped on a hand pole.  
"Die, die, must take her out *jalan-jalan*."<sup>46</sup>  
At the turnstile, they swipe cards.

Ah Long and Girlie are on a journey,  
Their steps will soon take them  
Not to epic love,  
But to a gentle lyric  
For hawk-eyed bystanders  
Who glimpse innocent emotion  
On the move: Ah Long's heart  
Rumbles like pistons,  
His slippers beside Girlie's sneakers.

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"Grandmother" in Chinese. 45

"Strolling" in Malay. 46