

In the Pink Distance

by Bill Yarrow

in the pink distance
a mustached man with a broken arm
is smoking a clove cigarette
and reading Regis Debray

in the pink distance
a boy in a corduroy shirt
sits before an upended electrical spindle
and drinks a vodka gimlet

in the pink distance
a young woman in a juice bar
is dangling a strapless sandal
from the end of a suntanned toe

in the pink distance
a policeman in a checkered cap
eyes four youths
carrying a barricade

in the pink distance
a paperback copy of *The Will To Power*
leans against the Shocken edition
of Kafka's *Letters to Felice*.

in the pink distance
people gather in a downtown park
to make origami boats and
listen to flutes

in the pink distance
a car becomes a kitchen

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a road becomes a map
a picnic table becomes a bed

in the pink distance
lyricism is legion and everyone
comes to believe participation
is an expression of affection

