Safety Park

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We walk uphill to watch the sunset— I bless the windows of people I will never meet.

We share food and lie in the sun, among crowds— I breathe deep. I don't worry or keep my eyes on you.

Night falls and takes our blankets and bottles and moss or twigs or stones or big leaves.

We take pictures of the deer that don't look both ways before crossing the street though they can hear cars from a mile away

because we still appreciate the world in all its beauty and danger— We don't have to walk home alone.