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Progress

In Medieval Europe, they built castles on the Rhine.
In Modern California, they build condos on the freeway.
Instead of the Blue Danube,
 there's Interstate 5.
Instead of moats,
 there are chain link fences.
(But the hiss of cars doesn't really sound
 like waves upon the shore.)

There is no Renaissance.
There is no Sun King.
There are no boats.
Just long lines of roaring metal;
 and smog hanging on the horizon
like black death.