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The woman startled, whirled, in a moment of indignant
contempt, spied the source,
and as she stepped gingerly aside, you could see the glimmer
as she wondered if he could've done it on purpose,
and then the recoil
and the revulsion, as she realized
she was just something to get around,
like the park bench and the tree
and the border of the gravelly path trimmed with tulips.