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*for Victoria Chang*

### HANDOUTS

All day, the parade circles the city:

an elongated, costumed serpent  
with the same chromed scales on a mirrored globe.

She fires pennies at the midgets, clowns, sinners,  
and drag queens below the bridge top. Confetti  
plumes swirl between every building. Transvestites

tumble to the ground with Lincoln's profile

branded on the small of the back. I aim

for a mime, held captive in his prison  
of silence. Left and right, they drop like tin  
ducks at a carnival firing range,

until we have no enemies left, just  
the bloody glares of one another, above

a small pool of change at our disposal.