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## ALL THE ORNAMENTS OF CELEBRATION

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The Oriental Orchid, the only one  
we asked about and no wonder—its ancient

scent: our history of separation  
unsifting. We are pink with fascination.

One of us notices the yellow of bulldozers. One  
of us, the yellow of prayer flags.  
Suddenly we're part of something natural.

Our fascination fans itself below temples.

We say a few words for the past, don't forget  
to make mention of progress.

We wish for this  
closeness—satellite and tower—for ourselves.

There is an allure of the sacred, especially  
when it is not ours: we nod our heads;  
the things we love must be burned.