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# Caldemeyer: Assembling Prospect Park

## ASSEMBLING PROSPECT PARK

Chris Caldemeyer

Listening to the march  
of a crow,

I hear the muraled cry of a child  
knowing somehow that it's not

a crow  
and that it's not human.

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Somewhere there are  
glimpses of deer,

necks craned, backs bow-like,  
hidden by falling

new rose and a bean-heavy catalpa.

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The cement steams  
with the bracken haunt of use.

A child runs past me  
careless of traffic

and the shrill  
voice of his mother calling

something  
that neither of us understand.

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The soft rolling back  
of the seal-grey clouds passing

an immeasurable girl  
perspiring

in gentle bright breaths,

arm raised, a hand spread wide  
against my chest.

\*

The wind is an illusory  
force,

a spiral.