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Forget the Signifier

- After Walker Evans' 'Girl in Fulton Street'

This is not the city Frank wrote about. There are no hum coloured cabs or men stopping for a cheeseburger and malt shake. Lana Turner has not died and the sky has not worn its funeral coat. This is the city made of glass where people wear alien nouns like Fedora and Cloche Hat and sniff the air like gundogs, eager for the scent of their identity

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