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Making Rounds

Begin
the meeting
with your grievance,

end
the hour
with their blame.

Objects
of interest
painted with targets,

giving
them tails
to bite into.

Circles
must close
in on something.

Smiles
exist only
as half-moons.

Your
counter crescent
makes them complete,

disguising
their illusion
of an eclipse.

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Not in Denver

Airport terminal
lazy introduction
bedheaded hangover
behind register.

Five years
waiting tables
breakdowns
came around
bent spoke
spinning tired.

Bulky man-child
almost fired
punched machine
rattling tattled gears.

World like
Pseudo-Denver
forget face
looking between alarm
clock stings
hand smashed poise.

Revolving doors
state soul
water bodies
looked nice
all I'll say.