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Chinese New Year

It's the time of the year, again
the heat from the sun
fills this February
the blades from the sun
bring scorching heat
twisting in the air

walking on the street
dust, falling leaves, strong wind
hot weather but a cold heart
heart in a fortress
detained, encapsulated, voiceless

Pretending to be busy
eyes on the screen of the mobile phone
mindless and daydream
walking down a balustrade
façade with prosperity goddess

Noisy New Year songs
About winning lottery and prosperity
How pathetic
and fake hopes
filled the air
groping for numbers
the goddess turned away

strong wind howling
sent the infinite questions away
to the desert
Questions on
life partner, marriage, kids, monies, jobs, and more

unbearable bombardment

everyone forgets
the core meaning of gathering
siblings are home
once a year
only
convergent yet divergent

our ancestors are weeping
watching from the heaven
thousands of years of history
into grains and dust in the desert
ancient goddess with cups of green kerosene
chanting the sutra mantra