

## Wentworth High

planes and smog  
punctuate  
prayers, pedagogues and pranks  
reaching down in thunderous vibration and poisonous fumes  
polluting the pleasure of poetry  
the magic of mathematical calculation  
the veneration of Gndhi and Garibaldi

and students smile  
while teachers wait  
for the roar above  
to calm and abate

but the raor above  
fives rise  
to the roar below  
and calm does not come  
in a minute or so

raucous tones,  
and teachers' antics  
piping voices  
and kung-fu tactics  
finally restore calm  
bring peace  
return  
the mood of industry  
a minute before the siren  
signals  
time for tea and tolerance

bursting from behind desks  
students emerge on all floors  
jostling along corridors  
freed  
for the moment  
from the need  
to needle teachers

teachers relax  
tossing back cups of tea

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with titbits of talk  
and titillating tales  
of such and such  
and so and so

until the siren  
summons them back  
to a few more hours on the rack

so it continues  
t Wentworth High  
on any day  
in any week  
even the day when you come by.