

class presentation

Kairo has a population
of about twelve million
(not counting ghosts)

There is little shelter
from the Sun &
the Nile
bleeds
through the faucet

(they say that
it is safe
to drink
but
we know
better
we know)

The blood of Gods flows through t(here
they are
buried

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The old part
of the city

was once called Babylon

(we know

what that means)

Photos (& other things) are taken
by tourists

We can see in this picture
corpses walking
through the dusty streets

inertia causes them
to move between

their work
& their homes

beyond the grave

(we know)

When I got home I wondered

how did I breathe in that air
thick with magic & my mother's hairspray