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Sleeping Father Time has forgotten to mind his children.
Seconds pile up in the corner—
Waiting for Minutes,
 who are slow to punch the clock.
The Hour stops moving
As her workers dawdle at the coffee pot,
 Forgetting those waiting to be served.
Impatient customers tap tired fingers
 On teasing tabletops.
When the restless avert their gaze
 Tardy minutes rush to fill their positions.

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