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PERRY MADDOX {ALBANIAN DREAMS
(Winner, Margaret Haley Carpenter Prize for Poetry)

*Long after independent assortment had
set the deck of fate, a worker among millions
slices the skin of a finger on the rotor of an
un-oiled assembly device, jammed from neglect.*

*Long after random fertilization had
determined the cold reality of things,
a drop of black blood falls on the dry steel,
causing it to slide back into place and run again.*

*Long after the crossing over of money from
dead uncle to newly rich nephew, a young man
awakes in a penthouse to a throbbing thumb
but sees no use in it and returns to sleep.*



TIM HOSPODAR {THE EXCHANGE
(Nominated, staff art award)

