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The Power of Dreaming

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I was walking up the street.
There I saw a boy collecting
Coins from people.
I gave him three coins
And asked what he would do
With the basket full of coins
He now had.

He said he would build
A high tower with these coins
Piled one on top of the other
Until it was as high as a pine tree,
And climb it by its swaying steps
To seek the soul of this frenetic city.

Age is low and flames are high,
And a cargo of work lay ahead
In view of fulfilling his dream
And that of his eccentric dolls
As it had touched in them
A magical chord, to dream and own
Their homes in this tower.

The tower might tremble,
The floors aloft might fall,
But the legacy of their dreams
Will live on in the power of dreaming.

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