

The Dependence Day Celebration

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This day comes to us in a box
with bright new clothes and masks.
We should go down to the river
try them on and admire ourselves.
Later we can row to the island
(a gift which accompanies the box)
for a private dinner on the grass
followed by fireworks and a band
in the gazebo on the far shore.
Then, of course, as the night sky deepens,
we will thank our donors for
their tasteful arrangement of stars
before we wrap up in each other's flesh,
that stunning gift from us to ourselves.