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Was there something we forgot, that continues to elude us even now,

as the doors begin to close,

one-by-one, behind us?

Today I returned to the Café Mercado,

where I thought some new

memory of you would come.

Hours passed, transforming day into night.

The thieves of the district took pity on me,

seeing I owned nothing but my shoes.

Old Esmerelda refused to fix her evil eye,

sensing I had already been cursed.

El camino del regresar,

the way back that reaches beyond us.

We long to follow it

into the shadows of which it is composed.