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those costumed dancers,
the music and chants swirling into their bodies,
the emotions glistening,
I was sitting too close, and
it was all flung onto me,
the life spoken of
hardly watchable in comfort,
but I fell inside,
and after
I asked her feet how she felt
and found
it was I who was naked, not them.

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