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*Jennifer Bilton*

I carry a city with me  
like a secret. I know  
it is not beautiful,  
stuck to my soles.  
Every step leads toward  
or away from home.  
Standing here, I can't tell you  
what city this is –  
with clouds borrowed  
from a cartoon,  
rooftops like clock towers  
and steeples, trees like  
soap bubbles enclosing  
a capitalized Capitol.  
Is this the city of my youth?  
The harsh borders painted smooth,  
too cheery, too ideal. But real?  
I couldn't say.  
Home is not where you left it,  
but where you take it  
and what you make of it.

On Thomas Fransioli's *Atlanta*

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