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the U-Bahn interrupts my audiobook
phone out, press pause, phone down, look up
and out at the BMW roaring past
engines rev like in America
nothing is like in America

yes, I come from America
a land you've never heard of
cuz it ain't all Texas and California
don't worry, I can explain
I can explain everything
like how I came to be
here in Wien, Twin-Eagle City
an explorer, alone among strangers
in quaint houses, medieval castles
for lonely Leute living at angles

such proximity, such a shame
they aren't so friendly here, Dorothy
yet a precious few, their love lights the streets
at night, in Ewigkeit, though the darkness
ushers their bishops into that same twilight
broken only by the occasional streetlamp
perhaps small, flickering, yet alive
and I, a moth, hovering near the bulb
parasite surviving on their love