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Thugs pulling chocolate bars from behind their belts
Trading amateur porn
Huddled in the back of a rickety metro

Wrapped in flesh colored corduroy years below her
Sneakers laced up tight
Not-so-crafty hustler tripped on the escalator

Camouflaged against the Soviet inspired cement
Ticket control hunts
Catching nearly innocent tourists in cold solid lines

Blazers rush toward the approaching train
Clutching briefcases close
Barely evading slippery fingers on the side

Four minutes of silence underground
Find your spot
Careful not to make eye contact with other lonely souls

Lights appear with a rush of cold air
Just in time
Drunkards can part ways before exchanging numbers

Crowds jam the stairs searching for smokes
Nicotine levels decreasing
Tensions rise as tourists block half a step

Heels reach ancient Czech cobblestones
Stumble slowly onward
Weaving under stars brighter than any child's eyes