Mop Tragedy (1986)
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they call it red the sky but then
the air is always calling someone's name
the voice of Springsteen
drifting from a 1000 radios

residue of a more transparent sound
a small cloud in the sun a half-brick sailing by
flares in the dark over Cavendish Road
today & tomorrow Saint Barnabas Road

you can rest on the bench near the bowling-green
& later go back by the old orphans' home
& drink from the glass the hammer & sickle
so carefully chased Jim Peck made that for me

lair before home
except after tea