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They arrive on grey ribbons of
looping, circling, twisting
highways, runways
blending, merging, bringing
pilgrims, supplicants
gripping diplomas, green cards, visas.
Résumés and recommendations rise
through the hot dry air.
They circle the Kaaba,
begging for entry
to chrome and glass chapels
raised to Plutus.
Once a desert, now an endless carpet of
McMansions for the chosen people,
dotted with megachurches,
ornate mosques, synagogues and temples
welcoming all (like us) in friendship.
Winners blame their wins on their god.
Losers find in prayer and worship
the hope denied them in commerce.
All find a place on the ladder,
even the ones on the lower rungs
who blame their fate on those even lower.



H Town Life

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Don't Push Me

A.J. Sanchez