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## AND QUARTERED

After the scare in the nursery, everyone stopped  
taking their jasmine for granted. Even forsythia  
seemed more vibrant, more worth a stop and stare.

Amidst rumors of media, they carted the lovers  
out a side door, belts and shoelaces removed.  
In some prisons, one said, they dress you in paper.

The gurney rattled across the town's new asphalt.  
The media, a single helicopter, made no landing.  
The wind tore the shirts from the crowd.