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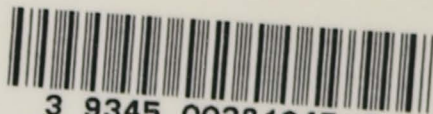
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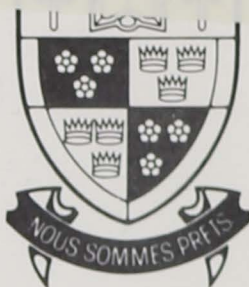
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➤➤ *Song*

What a wonderful way
To come into the city
All over the bridge

O
ver
the bridge.

Fred Wah

➤➤ *Tree in a Street*

Why will not that tree adapt itself to our tempo?
We have lopped off several branches,
cut her skin to the white bone,
run wires through her body and her loins,
yet she will not change.
Ignorant of traffic, of dynamos and steel,
as uncontemporary
as bloomers and bustles
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