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gazing out across
the misty red tiled rooftops
here
no homeless children
begging with their dogs
silently eyeing passerbys
with hungry sad eyes

here
deep bells sounding
somewhere lost
in the dense morning
fog softly enveloping
the invisible harbor

what must be done—

fill tub with soothing warm water
sprinkled with lavender and echinacea

listen to music echoing in still spaces

then

write the words that must be said
yes, even here,
you can—

reference the past
if you must
but some things must be abandoned
and some things forgiven — not forgotten

step past the present
opening your naked heart
to the gentle morning
mist