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Reflections, On This Day

On this day  
all over the world  
the planet is awash with mirrors.  
Mirrors  
that show  
not just the shape of our faces  
but the shape of our lives;  
not just the color of our hair and eyes and skin  
but the hues of our hearts.

Here the darkness of our anger  
over here the gray murk of our judgmentalness  
and there the varying deep browns of our despair  
our greed  
our ignorance  
our pain.

But these are not the midway's house of mirrors  
which show us what's not true  
or only the parts  
we'd rather not know,  
and so we also see --  
    alongside the dark, and maybe even dwarfing it --  
the sweet brightness of our better hours  
the mellow suns of kindness and caring  
and we hope this is what's true.

On this day  
all over the world  
we see ourselves  
in this warehouse of mirrors,  
and it is a blessing.  
For what we see  
    is our history,  
and we are free today  
to fill the reflections  
with new images  
born in another time  
a fresh world we have not yet created.