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"AND EVERYONE IS TRYING TO GET OUT OF THE ACT"

She interrogates the platform
with that—
"does the next train go to?" look.

Commuters
have the knack of
lurking
beneath a multitude
of girlie
bird cage floor
magazines
as she prattles on
like an inexhaustible puppet.

She says—
"They took me good Sheridan sheets y'know,
I was only gone half an hour.
Even took the eggs out of me fridge."

And her cream bun

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on pram, shoe and platform
as her puppeteers push
through the strings
of their social predicaments
and everyone is trying to get out of the act.