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The Commuter's Zoo

The metal snake winds
its way through the tunnels

Ants climb out of the
concrete into the streets

Donkeys carry burdens
both seen and unseen

The turtle slows the masses
The rabbit wins the race

A crafty fox waits
to pounce on its prey

Along the way the
animals flock to the
many feeding troughs

Some stay camouflaged
and do not move from
their asphalt beds

The concrete jungle is alive
with the sights and sounds
of the urban wildlife

The invisible threat of time
moves all animals large and small
in the commuter's zoo

To ensure their survival
in the social hierarchy
of the corporate wilderness