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Mr. Wong's Children

we learned how
not to stand out
from insults what
not to wear

we waited for
silence to tell
us that we
were good students

though speaking
with no accent
was as easy
as water the eyes
were a little
hard to hide