


# THE DIVING HORSES OF ATLANTIC CITY



did not need to be led to water.  
Some took off without their  
riders reins trailing as they jumped  
to the tank sixty feet below.  
Others savored the moment: stopping  
at the towers edge to lick the salty  
air, cocking an ear as the Cyclone  
clattered by, turning to eye a fat boy  
stuff a hot dog in his cheeks  
rearing  
rippling flanks  
a leap  
the popping flashes  
the crowd screams  
a violent splash  
submerging  
into a soundless blue green  
peace from the hot spur,  
the stinging whip, the unforgiving  
earth an instant  
before the rider pulls the reins,  
our bodies jerk; our souls, straining  
to fly.

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