At the Corner of Fantasy and Main

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You've got the castle's shadow,
not the castle, got mallards
looking for a moat, photographers
with poses to pick from
as horse-drawn streetcars clop by,
you've got donuts,
different every week,
sometimes a lemonade maple bar,
sometimes pineapple and pink
at the place where lands transition
from Photo Supply Co
to Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique,
where you're never quite sure
the pinpoint, the border line
between where dust needs sweeping up
and where it makes you fly—
all you know
is that somewhere nearby
someone
always has the particular magic
that turns three bucks
into coffee
and a paper cup

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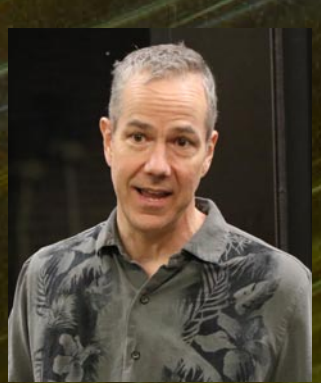

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