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## Compatriots

Milorad Pejić

On various continents, at airports,  
at stadiums, everywhere I meet people  
who more than twenty years ago, escaping  
war like I, settled far and wide around  
the world.

I feel they are there around me, who they  
are and where from, but I don't notice them  
right away since they are indistinguishable  
in the crowd. They are as ordinary as I  
until we look one another in the eye and  
recognize each other by the madness that  
still endures.

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