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Playthings of the Viennese Child

The Viennese child treasures
chocolate and oranges and palaces
of marzipan. Her grandfather, historical
in his grey and green suit, remembers when the spacious
opera was bombed. And restored. New architecture,
and pigeons coming back in new-gathered collections.

And the Viennese child gathers collections
of leaves and chestnuts as treasures
from the Prater, while the architecture
of the giant Wheel is set in motion, a quarter turn at
a time. Palaces
open into spacious
gardens too, and children play, happy and running and
happy and running and
fierce against the sunshine, scuffing with their
shoes the white stones of things historical.

Denise Botka

Bounce

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little ball
up
down
just bounce
for
too soon
you will bounce
lower
and lower
until
you can no more.

