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As unexpected as the earthquake
that we have been preparing for all these years,

as bright as a full moon
shining behind an overcast sky,

as youthful as the centenarian
planning eagerly for tomorrow,

as sleepy as an insomniac,

as honest as a mirror held up
to one who cannot see himself,

as lonely as the latest victim
in our epidemic of teenage suicide,

as civilized as New York City.