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The coffee was perked, the
clean cloth laid.
You never came-except in
images:

The careless peacock
spewing its god's-eyed tail
through the zoo's debris:
muddy leaves, wet paper
cones.

Or apostles in Old Masters
who
pass the salt, pour wine
oblivious to hovering flame.

I unplug the coffee, fold the
cloth
Only by indifference
entertained.

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