

Hanoi Haircut

the sidewalk barber
invited this old GI
had we been foes, once?

his improvised shop
mirror hanging on the wall
with tools of his trade

cyclos streaming by
narrow street's pedal traffic
amused riders watched

fifty years ago
beyond my imagining
"wow! I'm in the North"

he did a good job
his paltry fee's not enough
—hundred percent tip



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