

Seen Before the Credits

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On a hotel bed
a girl lies
bleeding
in radio light.

In the lower courtyard
a couple clinks glasses
from their banana lounges
while drink tray monkeys
play at penguins.

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A whooping spectator waves his flag
and the quarterback raises a chicken.
A child says something cute,
the crowd *Ahhhs*,
a recent rock song accelerates
then crashes.

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Faces dappled beneath an elm
the man and woman say goodbye
again. Park bench empty

the figurine climbs
and takes their seat.

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A megaphone with a body yells

'Cut, cut, cut',

but can't.

The budget, the stars.

