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Seconds

so it's been some days since
we last met

in an old room
in a new Delhi

a hot beverage, cold beer
smiles and condensation

up the corridor
in the room and
down to the lobby

We move

I, shuffling my feet
- it's not easy to walk when
one is used to escalators

then struggle along pathways
and part ways
before time

do we return to walks
and sunsets

there is no answer; just
more questions

but the tick of the clock
discourages such talk, and
as two hands meet
(briefly) then angle away,
hours beget
only seconds