

## **Plumbers**

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plumbers breaking holes  
in tiles and walls  
looking for the leak  
that poured out water.

they smashed ceramic,  
jackhammered cinder blocks  
broke open crazy pavement  
cut an incision  
through the front step's rose stone.

they replaced the pipe,  
and started repairing their damage.

the water in the taps is brown  
the house is covered in white dust.