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You and me do not start here,
in the racist taunts of the playground.
There was an imperial gate,
there was an imperial city.
There were ships,
there was trade.
There were shootings,
there were armies.
There were
bodies you needed for your armies
hands you needed for your labouring factories.
You and me start here.

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